

Sparry Heads.

Yesterday City Clerk Peniwell paid bounties on the heads of 96 sparrows.

Marriage License.

John W. Allen, Decatur, 40.
Mary A. Klemm, Decatur, 23.

Medical Society.

There will be a special meeting of the Medical society at the St. Nicholas hotel next Tuesday evening.

Asbury Revival.

The revival services at Asbury chapel are growing in interest and attendance at each meeting. Rev. Pierce, who is conducting the services, expects help during the next week.

Eggs in Demand.

Strictly fresh eggs are in demand. The shippers confess that all of the eggs they can get are from storage houses. The local demand at 16 cents is more than sufficient to consume all of the fresh eggs offered.

Hunt in Texas.

Thomas Stoner, Sr., and Thomas Stoner, Jr. and E. H. VanGundy, left Macon yesterday for Texas. They expect to be absent until some time in January and will devote their time to hunting.

Big Travel.

The California travel is opening up early this winter. There has already been quite an exodus already. A half dozen persons left here yesterday and more will go next week. The majority of them are going to spend the winter there.

Fleetings.

The regular meeting of Decatur lodge I. O. G. T. will be held tonight. Special communication of Macon lodge No. 8 A. F. and A. M. this (Thursday) evening at 7:30 o'clock for work. Visiting brethren invited. J. W. Graves, W. M.; G. P. Lewis, Sec.

Episcopal Conference.

Rev. Kuffner, pastor of the St. John's church, and D. C. VanDyke went to Springfield last night to attend the reception for Bishop Seymour which was held last night during the annual meeting of the Springfield diocese.

Runaway.

A teamster named McDaniel, stopped his team in front of the Gebhart block yesterday and while he went into one of the stores the team took fright at one of the street cars and dashed down the street several blocks but were stopped before any serious damage resulted.

Sign Your Name.

A communication has been left at the office of the News for publication. The writer did not sign his name. He is contending for a matter of principle so he says, and if he is honest about it should not hesitate to father the communication. If he will sign his name the communication will be printed.

Stevens a Candidate.

In case congress should approve the plan for the organization of the Central Judicial district of Illinois, Hon. John S. Stevens of Peoria will be a candidate for the position of judge. Mr. Stevens is the attorney of the P. D. & E. and is well known to the members of the local bar as a first class attorney.

Improves Slowly.

Wash S. Smith of Mt. Zion, was in Decatur yesterday. Mr. Smith had an attack of appendicitis several months ago and has never fully recovered his health. He is now, however, beginning to show more marked signs of improvement and is believed to be in a good way to permanently recover.

Poultry Plenty.

The lower temperature has brought joy to the poultry shippers for a day at least. So long as the temperature is near to freezing point they can ship dressed poultry to the eastern markets without packing in ice and when they can do that their goods bring a better price. The prices offered are 5 1/2 to 6 cents for chickens and 7 to 7 1/2 cents for turkeys.

Death at Cerro Gordo.

Arthur Peck, aged 15 years, died at his home in Cerro Gordo yesterday after an illness of typhoid fever. The deceased was a nephew of Mrs. D. E. Folzath, of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Folzath will go to Cerro Gordo today to attend the funeral which will occur at 1 p. m. The interment will be at the Peck cemetery three miles north-east of Cerro Gordo.

Saved the Glass.

At the depot yesterday afternoon Aaa Wallace was trimming one of the arc lamps when the cable broke and the heavy lamp fell. Just at that moment the north bound P. D. & E. passenger train was standing at the platform which was crowded with persons. The lamp struck Bert Cory, on the shoulder. It was a glancing blow and he was so quick that he turned and caught the lamp before it could strike the platform. He was not hurt and the glass globe about the lamp was not broken. Fortunately the lamp was close to Corey's shoulder when the cable broke.

NEW THEORY ADVANCED

Police Believe the Man Who Robbed Leforgee's Safe Stole Byrd Davis' Horse and Buggy

RIG ABANDONED AT TUSCOLA

The finding of Byrd Davis' missing horse and buggy at Tuscola, together with other facts that have come to light in connection with the robbery of Patterson & Leforgee's safe, leads to the suspicion that the man who robbed the safe rented the horse and buggy from Davis and made his escape in that way. Word was received from Tuscola Wednesday to the effect that the horse and buggy belonging to Davis was in Milligan's barn at that place. It was left there late Saturday evening by a young man who promised to call for it the next day, but he has failed to return up to this time. The name of the owner was on the buggy and the Tuscola man therefore had no difficulty in locating him. Mr. Davis went after his property at once. The horse and buggy were rented Saturday about 1 o'clock by a young man who said that his name was J. W. Floyd. He stated that he desired to drive to Mt. Zion and paid for the rig in advance. That was the last seen or heard of him until the rig turned up at Tuscola.

It will be remembered that the discovery of the safe robbery was not made until Saturday evening about 5 o'clock. It was then supposed that the work had been but a few moments before. Messrs. Leforgee & Patterson stated that the last time they had occasion to use the safe was about 1 o'clock in the afternoon when one of their patrons came in and made a payment and they placed the money in the safe. An investigation by Chief Applegate, however, shows that the members of the firm are mistaken as to the hour when they last used the safe. The man who paid the money referred to says that he was at the office about 10:30 instead of 1 o'clock and this leads to the theory that the robbery was committed during the noon hour. During the afternoon there was no occasion to go to the safe until about 5 o'clock and consequently the robbery was not discovered until that hour. Mr. Leforgee was about the office or at the foot of the stairs throughout the afternoon, and that fact made it impossible for any one to have committed the robbery during the time, especially in view of the fact that the only means of egress was down the stairway leading to the street. To have reached the street it would have been impossible for the robber to have passed Mr. Leforgee unnoticed.

The officers are now inclined to the belief that the man who hired the horse and buggy from Davis is the man who cracked the safe. During noon hour was the only time in the day that the robber could have had an opportunity to work at the safe without fear of detection. An expert during that time could have forced the safe doors open and easily escaped from the city. The safe was found in the evening with the doors closed and there were no exterior signs to indicate that the robbery had been committed. There are other suspicious circumstances connecting the man who hired the Davis rig with the robbery.

It is evident that he did not want to steal the horse and buggy. If he desired to reach Tuscola in a hurry he adopted a very poor method for he could have caught a train from here at 4 o'clock, which would have landed him there before he could possibly have driven over from Decatur. The indications are that he merely wanted the rig to get out of the city as quickly as possible after the robbery at the office of Leforgee & Patterson. The fact that he said he was going to Mt. Zion shows that it was his purpose to throw the officers off the scent in case the robbery should be quickly discovered and suspicion should in any way attach to him. Chief Applegate has written to Tuscola for more detailed particulars concerning the young man who left the rig at Milligan's stable. It is believed now that the man who gave his name as Floyd is an expert cracksmen and the chief hopes to establish this fact within a short time. If he does it may be a not very difficult matter to land the robber.

There have been other developments in the robbery. The fact has come to light that a tin box was extracted from the safe at the same time that the money was taken. This box contained the wills of Julia A. Leforgee and Mrs. Sarah Fanning together with a number of private papers belonging to Mr. Leforgee. Among the money taken was a \$5 bill which had a peculiar stain on it. This bill was laid in by a man who says that he would be able to recognize it at any time it should be brought to his notice.

Carpet Bagger Tonight.
There is but one regret at the appearance of Tim Murphy at Powers opera house tonight, and that is that it gives but one more opportunity to sing that artist's praises. There are shows and shows and many of them are of such character that the press cannot give them favorable notice without an absolute betrayal of the confidence of its readers, but the entire press of the land pays grateful, unasked homage to the genius of Tim Murphy, whose career in "A Texas Steer," "Old Innocence," and now in "The Carpet Bagger" has been one continuous chain of triumphs.

Tim Murphy deserves all that can be said of him and more. He is a true artist in every sense of the word. His ability is not limited to one character or style. He is a student and a scholar and knows them all. Ripe in the lessons of his art, far beyond what might be expected of a man in middle life, he stands the peer of any one in his class—the highest.

SALVATION ARMY.**An Idea of the Extent of the Great Work it Does.**

"Few people are aware of the large business ramifications of the Salvation Army. During the year 1898 in the city of London alone Gen. Booth expended \$750,000 in maintaining establishments for the benefit of the poor and furnishing food and shelter for an average of 15,000 persons daily. In this labor 1,832 persons were employed. Among the institutions so supported were 122 'shelters' for the homeless; 92 homes for fallen women, 12 refuges for discharged convicts, 2 homes for waifs and strays, 53 factories and work shops, 3 labor bureaus, 42 bureaus of information, '13 farm colonies, 3 homes for servants out of employment, 2 hospital, 2 'poor men's lawyers' for the benefit of those who have no money to pay for legal advice and one collection bureau, whose duty it was to attempt to collect free of cost money owing to persons who applied to the society for assistance.

"At the same time the Salvation Army was almost self-supporting, and of the \$750,000 expended as described for the benefit of the poor \$641,015 was repaid by the people who were assisted.

"In the United States last year the Salvation Army maintained a total of 121 institutions, including 42 shelters for the unemployed, where 5,073 persons took refuge during the year; 12 rescue homes for fallen women, with 320 inmates; 2 homes for lost children, accommodating 60; 17 industrial depots, employing an average of 42 persons daily, 8 labor bureaus, 2 inquiry bureaus, 2 poor men's lawyers' 1 collection bureau, 1 day nursery and various other charitable institutions of a similar sort. Besides the e the Salvation Army has conducted a large printing office and several factories to furnish labor or the unemployed.

Fiends Get a Raise.

Persons who are accustomed to buying cocaine have been forced to pay much more for it recently than the normal price. In fact the drug has risen from \$2.50 an ounce to \$6.25 an ounce in the last few months. This is caused by the revolution in Peru. That South American republic raises practically all the raw cocaine that the world consumes. It is manufactured from the leaves of the coca plant, and to supply the demand in this country the leaves are shipped north and he drug manufactured here or a coarse native product made from the leaves in Peru is brought here and refined by improved processes. The revolution has prevented the gatherers of coca leaves from shipping their product to Lima the principal market, hence a short supply and increased price. The indications are, however, that the top notch in the rise has been tipped, as Peru shows signs of setting down again or for a short time at least.

The Horse Market.

Will Wallace has just returned from Chicago, where he sold a carload of fine horses in the market of that city. He reports that the market is slightly on the decline at present as it always is at this season of the year, December being one of the worst months in the horse business. By the first of the year, however, the market will be looking up and the indications at present are that there will be a stronger demand than ever for good horses. It takes a good horse to bring money nowadays, but the man who takes the pains to get the best horses is always sure of a ready market.

Crunelle Recognized.

Leonard Crunelle, the sculptor, left last night for Carleton, Ill., where he will assist Prof. Lorado Taft in a lecture to be given at that place tonight. Artist Crunelle had two pieces of plaster work on exhibition at the annual meeting of the society of Western Artists which was held in St. Louis last week. The pieces were entitled "Emily" and "Little Mary" and are some of the pieces of work of the young artist. Mr. Crunelle was honored by being elected as an associate member of the society.

"B. J. Kinney has gone to Forest to work for the Pacific express company.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

Reorganization of the Decatur Gas and Electric Company Completed Wednesday

THE PLANT WILL BE IMPROVED

Wednesday the new holders of the stock in the Decatur Gas and Electric company held a meeting and effected an organization by electing new officers as follows: Directors J. Manchester Haynes and George E. Macomber of Augusta, Me.; C. W. Morse, New York city; W. C. Johns, Decatur; W. B. McKinley, Champaign. The officers were J. Manchester Haynes, president; W. B. McKinley, vice president; W. C. Johns, secretary; G. E. Macomber, general manager. For the present G. C. Danforth will remain with the company to serve as superintendent. About January 1 W. A. Bixby now superintendent of the gas works at Champaign, will come to Decatur to take the position of superintendent. It is likely that Mr. Danforth will remain with the company until March 1 in order that Mr. Bixby may have time to become thoroughly familiar with all of the details before taking active charge of the operation of the plant. Mr. McKinley said last night that it was the intention of the new owners to spend about \$40,000 in improving and increasing the capacity of the plant. For a long time the old company has made nothing but water gas and it is the intention to put in a plant for the manufacture of coal gas. The contracts for the structure will be let at an early day. As all of the machinery must be made to order it is likely that the actual work in Decatur cannot commence before early spring time. The company will erect a big holder having a capacity of 200,000 cubic feet of gas. This holder will be ninety feet in diameter and will require a pit twenty feet deep. The orders for the holder will be given at once. It is also the intention of the company to duplicate a considerable part of the machinery in the electric lighting station. The company will manufacture coal gas for both illuminating and heating purposes, the superiority of coal gas for the latter purpose being generally recognized. There is generally a good demand for coke, which is something more than a by product in the manufacture of coal gas and the intention is to have coke for sale. There is a double purpose in that, for when, for instance in the summer time if there is an oversupply of coke the coal gas plant may be closed temporarily and the coke then used in the manufacture of water gas. So far as the average consumer is concerned there will be no noticeable change in the business. The details will be much the same as before under the old management.

CHARITY BOARD.**Doing Good Work Among the Worthy Poor.**

The charity board met with Mrs. J. E. King at her home on North Main street yesterday afternoon and transacted considerable business in reference to the work of the society. Several votes of thanks were ordered for favors received and a batch of bills were ordered paid. Several cases of destitution among the worthy poor of the city received attention. One of the members reported the case of an old lady past 65 who is without fuel or any means of procuring it. She will be provided for. Another case was reported from the northeast part of the city where an old lady and six children are in need of the necessities of life and are said to be actually suffering. They will be provided for by the society as will also a family in the west part of town who are in need.

The society have a number of persons on the list who are in need of clothes and they request that all of the business men who have suits of clothing that they have cast off that would do to wear with a little mending, that they be sent to the home of Mrs. J. E. King on North Main street, where the ladies will see that they are repaired and donated to persons who are in need of clothing.

To Revise Tuberculosis Law.

The Dairymen's and Stock Breeders' association was organized at the Biggs house in Chicago Saturday by 100 delegates from the farmers milk shippers and the state board of agriculture. The move is a forerunner to a general movement in the direction of revising the laws passed by the last legislature relative to eradication, suppression and supervision of tuberculosis in cattle. Another meeting will be held January 2, at which time it is expected that definite action will be had toward bringing all of the interests involved to an understanding as to what steps ought to be taken to secure the best results for the shipper, the taxpayer and the consumer. State Veterinarian Lovejoy said that as yet nothing but circumstantial evidence existed to show that tuberculosis could be transmitted

from beast to man through the medium of cheese, milk and butter and his opinion was concurred in by the shippers and dairymen. The latter, however, took issue with the state board members on the question of compensation for cattle which were killed because of infection.

DENIED THEM ALL

Judge Vail Overrules all Motions for New Trials—Jury Hangs.

The principal business in the circuit court yesterday was hearing motions for new trials, and then denying them. Not one of the motions of that order were allowed by Judge Vail and in nearly every case an appeal was taken. In the suit of the Maccabees vs. Mary E. Ellis to recover damages for breach of contract when the motion for a new trial came up the plaintiff remitted \$65 that sum being excessive damages allowed by the jury. When that sum was remitted Judge Vail denied the motion for a new trial and gave judgment on the verdict for \$25 damages.

The City of Decatur was among the applicants for a new trial in the Lee damage suit and shared the same fate as the others.

The jury which heard the evidence in the Tulley contested will case is still out. They returned at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. No word comes from the jury room as to how they stand. The impression prevails that there will be a disagreement.

Court is expected to adjourn Saturday of this week. The docket orders entered yesterday follow:

CHANCERY.

Savings Fund Building Association vs. John T. Owens et al; foreclosure. Appeal prayed and allowed defendant. Bond in the sum of \$500.

Randall R. Gordon vs. Philip J. Keller et al; foreclosure. Report of master approved. Cause heard and decreed for \$35 and costs.

Lucy J. Brett, conservator vs. Cora A. Wallace; et al; foreclosure. Master's report approved and decreed as per report.

D. C. Corley vs. Nicey Devore et al; partition. By agreement plea, replication and rejoinder withdrawn as to defendant not answering and referred for proof and conclusion.

LAW.

Jesse Leforgee vs. Arthur E. Evans; assumption. Motion by plaintiff for new trial overruled. Appeal allowed.

W. F. Carter et al, trustee vs. Mary E. Ellis assumpsit. Plaintiff remits \$70. Motion by defendant for new trial overruled. Judgment for \$25 and costs.

M. L. Osborn vs. J. H. Culver; confession. Motion of defendant for new trial overruled and judgment on verdict for costs. Appeal allowed; bond \$2,000.

Colby I. Frost vs the Wabash Ry. Co.; case. Motion by defendant for new trial overruled. Judgment on the verdict for costs. Appeal allowed; bond \$3,000; James M. Lee, administrator, vs. the city of Decatur for new trial overruled and judgment on the verdict. Appeal prayed and allowed.

August Hendrian, administrator, vs. the I. D. & W. Ry. Co.; trespass on the case. Motion by defendant for new trial overruled and judgment on verdict for costs. Appeal prayed and allowed.

DEATH RECORD.
TRAVIS.
B. F. Travis, aged 66 years, died at his home at 643 East Leadland avenue on Wednesday morning, December 6. His death was due to paralysis from which he had suffered for two years. He was a native of Macon county and was born near Mt. Zion. He spent his lifetime in Macon county the last seven years being a resident of Decatur. He is survived by his wife and five children Isaac Travis, of Chicago; P. A. Travis, of Montana; Mrs. Frank Phillips, of Chicago and Mabel and Emma Travis, of Decatur. He is also survived by two step-children, H. Glazebrook and Mrs. J. Foster, of Decatur. The funeral will occur Friday morning, the services being at the Cumberland Presbyterian church in Mt. Zion. The burial will be in the Cumberland Presbyterian cemetery there.

Rupert or Tentzau.

There will be romance plenty at the Grand Friday night when the attraction will be James K. Hackett whom Daniel Frohman is presenting in "Rupert of Hentzau." This play is by Anthony Hope and like the "Prisoner of Zenda" to which it is a sequel, is a fascinating story brimful of thrilling adventures, romantic love making, and duels. "Rupert of Hentzau" has been played with much success in New York, on two different occasions. It ran at the Lyceum theatre during all of last spring and at the beginning of Mr. Hackett's present tour it was put on at the Garden theatre and ran for many weeks. It has never been given in this city where "The Prisoner of Zenda" has always been a strong drawing card, hence it is sure to attract a large audience.

High School Notes.

The open meeting of the senior class which was to have been held on the night of December 8 has been postponed to December 15 on account of the appearance here on the 8th of the play "Rupert of Hentzau."

The High School drawing club will give the regular dance at the armory tonight.

Doctors Meet.

Dr. A. F. Wilhelmly has received an invitation to attend the convention of the medical fraternity of Sangamon county which will be held in the court house in Springfield on December 11.

NEW WABASH STATION

That Seems Almost a Necessity Under the Present Circumstances

THE PLANS HAVE BEEN DRAWN

If all of the rumors prove true it would be no surprise if even the I. D. & W. should build a passenger station in Decatur. Every one knows how many years the people of Decatur longed for a suitable passenger station and how many times they were told that the two principal factors to the agreement, the Wabash and the Illinois Central companies, had come to terms and how many times it proved a false scent.

After trying for years to agree, or so far as the public knows perhaps, struggling to avoid an agreement, to erect a union passenger station, it is likely that both roads will have individual stations. The work on the Illinois Central station has already commenced. The statement has been made by the Central officials that the building will be large enough to accommodate all of the roads entering Decatur. There is no question as to the truth of that statement on size alone. The plans, however, do not show that any provision has been made for any road other than the Central, and perhaps its tenant lines. There is only one ticket office. The north end, which almost abuts the Wabash tracks contains the kitchen and the lunch room. While it will be large enough for all the passengers in and out of Decatur there is about the plans nothing that suggests a union station. For the Central and its tenant lines it will be a model building—there's no dispute on that. Those persons who have noticed the plans have at once been inspired to ask, what will the Wabash do? The question is answered by the statement that the Wabash will in all probability erect its own individual station.

Some time ago H. L. Magee, general superintendent of the Wabash in Decatur and said that he had seen in the office of Architect Link at St. Louis plans for an individual station for the Wabash company. Superintendent A. Robertson, of the middle division of the Wabash, just home after a visit in New York when asked about the possibility of the Wabash building a new station said: "I have been told that the plans have been drawn. I have not seen them but I believe that the company will build a depot of its own. I know that I sincerely hope that it may be so because we understand that the building will have rooms for the division headquarters."

BLAND GETS A VERDICT.

Justice O'Mara Disposes of an Interesting Replevin Suit From Macon.

Justice O'Mara's time was occupied yesterday afternoon in hearing two very interesting replevin suits in which Macon parties were concerned. One was a suit of R. G. Patterson vs. John Bland to recover a horse and the other was a replevin suit of a man named Smith against the same defendant to recover a harness. The plaintiffs were represented by Attorney John Fitzgerald and Herbert Moffett, while the defendant was represented by Attorneys Redmon & Hogan. The suit was warmly contested. The evidence showed that Bland had secured possession of the property on a chattel mortgage after it had been purchased by the plaintiff. It appeared that a man named Kincaid had once owned the property and gave a mortgage on the same to Mr. Bland. Afterward he gave a mortgage on the same property to P. J. Keller of this city. The latter's claim came due and he seized the property and it was afterward sold to Messrs. Patterson & Smith. It was some time after they had been in possession that Bland's mortgage fell due and under it he claimed the property and got possession of it. Patterson & Smith contended that the mortgage held by Bland was not valid, it being maintained by them that at the time he took Kincaid's note it did not show that the property was secured by a chattel mortgage, and that this statement was afterward put in the note. There was sufficient evidence, however, to offset this claim and Justice O'Mara decided the case in favor of the defendant.

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Joined the Church.

At the First Methodist church on Sunday six persons joined the church at the morning service.

Scarlet Fever.

Several cases of scarlet fever are reported at Maroa but all of them have fortunately been of a mild type.

For Miss Caldwell.

Miss Edith Lytle will give a reception this morning in honor of Miss Caldwell, who has been her guest.

In Evening Costume.

Jean Mannheim, the artist, is painting a full length portrait of Mrs. L. L. Race, in evening costume, at his studio in the Powers block.

New House.

Charles Nye has just completed the erection of a six room house at the corner of Jasper and Olive streets and will occupy the residence himself.

Married.

James J. Wall, of Chicago, and Miss Lulu A. Murphy, of Jacksonville, were married Monday afternoon, November 13, by Judge W. L. Hammer at his office.

With Claffin & Co.

Arthur B. Alexander, formerly of Decatur, now has responsible position with H. E. Claffin & Co., the largest wholesale dry goods concern in New York city.

Successful Sale.

At his farm north of Harriestown one day last week E. Wright Allen had a sale of blooded cattle, which was largely attended. The stock sold at good figures. The total proceeds were about \$5,300.

The Frost Line.

Yesterday Inspector Rathrauff lowered the water main at the intersection of College and Packard streets. Bringing the street to grade had lifted the pipes dangerously near to the frost line.

Fuel For Strikers.

There was a meeting of the miners at the miners hall yesterday for the purpose of distributing three carloads of coal among them for use in the families. The coal was donated by the miners' union and it is said more is to come in several days.

Married At Madison.

Mrs. Nettie Depew, who formerly lived on North Edward street, was recently married at Madison, Wis., to a gentleman named Lawrence. He is a retired farmer and is quite well-to-do. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence have commenced housekeeping in an elegantly furnished home.

Discussed the Lecture.

Mrs. Harry Shlandeman entertained Riverside members of the University Extension Club at her home last night, the evening being spent in a discussion of the lecture recently given here by Prof. Troop. Mrs. Shlandeman will entertain in this manner each night after each lecture of the University course.

The Month's Business.

The board meeting of the Railroad Y. M. C. A. was held last night and the report of Secretary Adkins for the month of October was submitted. It continued the following interesting figures: Paid up members, 229; visitors to rooms, 3,833; baths, 279; letters written in the rooms, 373, and eight new beds had to be put in.

Y. M. C. A. Board.

The regular meeting of the Y. M. C. A. board will be held at the rooms tonight at 8 o'clock. Among the matters of business to be considered will be the resignation of Carroll McIntyre as the teacher of the bookkeeping class. Mr. McIntyre has accepted a position in Chicago and left last night for that place. J. W. Carter will probably be asked to take charge of the class.

Could Not Agree.

The expected agreement in effort to probate the will of the late Jesse Austin was not made Monday. After three unsuccessful efforts to probate the will the cause was continued until December 8. When that time arrives the contestants will be ready to do business. All but one of the heirs were willing to make an amicable settlement of the affair.

Hearing Today.

May and Kemp, the two colored men who have been held for the cutting and shooting which occurred on the day of the riot near the coal mine, are to have their hearing today before Justice Hardy. Attorney W. N. Andrews has been retained to assist in the prosecution of the men. Attorney Hugh Crea will defend them. Dougowski and Mauritz, the men who were out and stabbed, are able to be out again.

Endeavor Society.

Rev. Charles Sheen, of the A. M. E. church, has organized a Christian Endeavor Society with nineteen active and five associate members. The officers are:

President—Lewis Steward.
Vice President—Will C. King.
Secretary—Effie Grundy.
Cor. Secretary—Alice King.
Recording Secretary—Edna Clanton.
Treasurer—Martella York.
The time of meeting will be decided later.

THE SMALLWOOD CASE**Is Postponed for a Week—Injunction Dissolved—Schultz's Bond.**

In the circuit court Monday one of the cases in which there is much public interest was expected to come to trial but was postponed because of the absence of one of the attorneys from the city. That was the Smallwood will case. Attorney David Hutchison, one of the attorneys representing Frank Smallwood, had been called to New York on business and for that reason the case was passed for a week. The expectation is that it will be called next Monday.

There was another case before the court which has attracted not a little attention. It was the petition of George Powers for an injunction to restrain certain persons from proceeding against him in a common law suit. Several years ago Mr. Powers purchased an Iowa farm on which there was a mortgage. He assumed the obligation when he purchased the farm. The property was foreclosed and a deficiency judgment obtained against him. The mortgage on the farm was held by J. N. McKee. The latter failed and R. S. Wood became his assignee. As such officer Wood sued to recover the deficiency judgment. Powers asked an injunction restraining him. The injunction was granted on the representation that the mortgage was given without consideration and merely to give the property a fictitious value. For a long time the defendants tried to keep from entering an appearance in the court here. They would not acknowledge service. So long as they did that all of their motions were overruled. Saturday Messrs. Baldwin & Ewing and I. A. Buckingham, for the defendants in the injunction proceeding, accepted service by filing a sworn answer denying all of the allegations made in the petition of Powers and also asked that the injunction be dissolved. On the sworn answer the court granted the motion to dissolve. Now the way is open for a hearing on the assumpsit suit but it will not be likely to come for a hearing at this term.

PEOPLE'S CASES.

Officer F. G. Schultze appeared in court and on being arraigned on an indictment charging forgery entered a plea of not guilty. He will be defended by I. A. Buckingham. Schultze gave a bond and was released.

ON TRIAL.

Murphy, a fellow charged with stealing harness from the barn of S. R. Gher was on trial. W. H. Black and W. N. Andrews are defending him. Two of the prisoners arraigned entered pleas of guilty and were sentenced to the penitentiary.

NEW JURY.

A new jury panel has been drawn to report on the 20th day of the month as follows:

Decatur—E. C. Moore, C. L. Robinson, Walter Garver S. S. Allison, C. L. Armstrong, J. M. Blythe, John Allen, John Rosemeyer, Robert Foster, C. W. Frew, Wm. Bruner, Walt Johnson, Thomas Day, Sam Deitz, Harry Himmelwright, F. A. Nye, Wm. Holland, C. E. Dashiell, S. F. Ray, Sandy Rogan, L. W. Fribourg, Thomas Peniwell, Jr.

Austin—Chas. McCurdy.
Friends Creek—Otis Dent, F. L. Gray, John A. Bricker.

Harriestown—W. B. Heatt.
Hickory Point—John Rainey.

Long Creek—Neal Mowery.
Maroa—J. T. Keats.

Macon—Will Blalock.
Mt. Zion—Thos. Readhead, Charles Merrit, Wm. Kennedy, Wm. Britton.

Pleasant View—F. M. Abrams.
These were the docket orders:

LAW.

A. S. Wood, assignee vs. G. W. Powers; rule to plead extended to December 15.

August Hendrian, ex. vs. the L. D. & W. railway company; trespass on the case. Motion by defendant for new trial.

Henry C. Dailey vs. J. A. Race; trespass on the case. Continued by agreement.

CHANCERY.

George W. Powers vs. Thomas A. Way; injunction. Motion to dissolve injunction allowed and leave to file suggestion of damages.

Nora Wood vs. Fred Wood; divorce. Motion to contract decree as to description of land allowed.

D. C. Corley vs. Amos Devore; partition. Motion to dismiss original bill without prejudice at cost of complainant allowed.

Clarence Matthews et al vs. The People's Savings and Loan Association; chancery. Demurrer to bill.

Savings Fund and Building Association vs. J. B. Fritz et al; foreclosure. Master's report approved. Cause heard and decree for \$300 and costs, \$25 to be taxed as solicitor's fee, against south half and for \$610 and costs, \$25 for solicitor's fee, against the north half. Other to be apportioned as per master's report.

D. C. Corley vs. Nicey Devore et al; partition. Rule to answer by next Monday.

Frank Holiday vs. Francis A. Holiday et al; foreclosure. Cause heard and decree for \$1,168 and costs.

Edna Stickel vs. Roy Stickel et al; foreclosure. Cause heard and decree for \$1,168 and costs.

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Leave to amend bill instant and rule to answer by next Monday.

Alex. McIntosh vs. Amelia R. Lane et al; foreclosure. Order of reference set aside.

Joseph M. Cooper vs. Robert T. Wells chancery. Demurrer overruled and rule on defendant to answer by next Monday.

PEOPLE'S CASES.

Allen Farr burglary and petty larceny. Defendant pleads not guilty.

Thomas Travis; perjury. Defendant pleads not guilty.

Charles Schultz; grand larceny. Defendant pleads not guilty and W. H. Black appointed to defend. Plea of not guilty withdrawn and plea of guilty entered. Judgment that defendant be confined in the penitentiary and pay costs.

William Gray alias Wm. Lewis; burglary and grand larceny. Defendant pleads guilty to first and third counts. Judgment that the defendant be confined in the penitentiary at Chester on each count, the term of imprisonment on the third to commence at the expiration of the term on the first count, and pay costs.

Frank L. Davis attempted burglary. Defendant pleads not guilty.

John Murphy; burglary and grand larceny. Defendant pleads not guilty.

F. C. Schultze; forgery. Defendant pleads not guilty.

MRS. TRAVIS DEAD.

An Old Resident of Decatur Receives the Final Summons.—Other Dead.

Mrs. Mary J. Travis, aged 76 years, died at 4 o'clock Monday morning at her home, 634 West Main street, after a long illness of tuberculosis. For the past six weeks she had been confined to her bed and her death had been daily expected. Her maiden name was Mary J. Griffith and she was born in Knightown, Ind., coming to Decatur fifty-six years ago. She was the widow of Rev. Renben W. Travis, who was formerly a pastor of the First Methodist church, was also circuit preacher and was later a presiding elder. He died in this city in 1875. She was a sister of the late Mrs. L. L. Boblett, and her only surviving relatives are two nieces, Mrs. A. C. Steifel, of Cincinnati and Miss Margaret Boblett. Mrs. Travis was a devout Christian woman, firm in the belief of her religion and consistent in its practice. Funeral services will be held from her late residence this afternoon at 3 o'clock, and will be conducted by Rev. Frost Craft of the First Methodist church. The burial will be at Greenwood cemetery.

MRS. ZACH MELHORN.

Mrs. Zach Melhorn died of lung trouble at 8:30 o'clock Sunday night at the family residence, 105 North Main street. Her death was due to lung trouble. The remains were taken to Ivesdale Monday afternoon where the funeral was held.

THOMAS MILLIKIN.

Friends in this city have received notice of the death of Thomas Millikin which occurred at his home in Hamilton, Ohio, on last Friday night. The deceased was in the 81st year of his age and was a cousin of James Millikin and J. Hunter Millikin of Decatur. He was a prominent lawyer and had a wide reputation in Ohio as an orator. In 1874 he was tendered a commission on the supreme bench of the state to fill out an unexpired term but he declined the honor. He was identified with some of the leading enterprises of his town and was the attorney for the Big Four railroad.

TROUTMAN.

Dr. Peter Troutman died at his home in Victor, Kansas, on Sunday, aged 84 years and 7 months. The deceased was formerly a resident of Macon county and was well known here. He was a native of Kentucky but when a child removed with his parents to Indiana and there he practiced medicine for twenty-five years. He came to Illinois in 1856 and lived about four miles west of Decatur, where he engaged in farming. About twenty years ago he removed to Kansas and there has been engaged in stock raising and farming. He is survived by three sons, Samuel, of Decatur; Jacob, who lives four miles west of Decatur; and John Troutman, who lives at Victor, Kansas. Three daughters also survive him, Mrs. J. H. Cox, of Belle Plaine, Kansas, and Mrs. J. Miller and Mrs. Asa Gehlke, living west of Decatur. The remains will arrive in Decatur today and the funeral services will be at Sharon church four miles west of Decatur. The interment will be at Sharon burying ground.

Quarantine Raised.

The boys of Cerro Gordo were out at daybreak Sunday morning for it was at that hour that the quarantine occasioned by the diphtheria scare was raised after three weeks. For the first time the public schools were opened Monday and for the first time in three weeks services were held in the church on Sunday.

Go to the Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Shade and Mrs. Mary Brennenman will leave for West Baden, Ind., where they will make a short sojourn at the Springs.

THE ELECTRIC LINE.**Committee Visits Decatur to Feel the Citizens on the Subject.**

Representatives of Springfield, Mechanicsburg and Decatur held a conference in this city Monday in reference to the proposed electric railway between Decatur and Springfield. This matter has been discussed for some weeks past by the Springfield and Mechanicsburg parties, and with them the plan is entirely feasible. They feel that the line could be made to prove a paying venture. The committee from Springfield consisted of L. H. Coleman, B. F. McVeagh and Charles F. Mills.

The members of the committee from Mechanicsburg were J. F. Baird, W. S. Bullard, R. A. Farmer, L. E. Hall and R. S. Bullard. This visit was merely to talk over and interest Decatur men in the plan. The visitors were met by a committee composed of Mayor Stadler, W. H. Starr, D. S. Shellabarger and W. L. Shellabarger. They went over the situation with the visitors and heard the plan outlined for the road, but they did not commit themselves to it. They will consider the proposition and act on it later.

It will take a long time to work out the plan. The first thing necessary is to get a right of way and have a preliminary survey made. This requires some money, and the citizens of Decatur have been asked to bear their share of the expenses attendant upon this preliminary work. After the survey has been made the promoters will be in a position to ask some construction company to figure on the expense of such a road. The plan is to have a road that will carry both freight and passengers. It would be forty miles long and would doubtless be much used by persons in the small towns along the line and between the capital and this city. Lines of this character have become very common in Ohio. They are connecting up all the towns of importance there and have proved to be paying property. The committee who met the visitors yesterday will report to the Business Men's Association and let that organization take such action as may seem to be for the best interests of Decatur.

BUSINESS INCREASES

So Wilson & Son Will Have a New Building on Wabash Avenue.

During the last year there has been few businesses that have been more profitable than junk dealing. The men in that business have had all that they could handle. Some of them have had more than they could handle. Wilson & Son, the firm at the east end of Wabash avenue, have found themselves in that predicament. Their quarters were so cramped that they could not handle the volume of business that they would have cared for under more favorable circumstances. For a year they had ten men employed at their yard sorting iron while they had three or more teams hauling the stuff from freight cars to their yard.

Recently the firm purchased three lots on the north side of Wabash avenue just across the street from the quarters they now occupy as tenants. Yesterday they had men at work moving the residences from those lots. Today Lon Foster will be given the work of excavating and at the earliest moment Henry Lunn & Son will begin the brick work. The building is to be 36x80 in ground dimensions and will be two stories high, with a deep basement. The firm will not only have ample warehouse room but they will have better facilities in their yards. The house will be constructed with an especial view to being substantial. Extra heavy timbers have been ordered from the pine forests of the south for that work. Orin Battles will have charge of the carpenter work. It is the intention to rush the work as much as possible.

A LONG FAST.

A Warrensburg Editor Lives Thirty Days Without Nourishment.

G. M. Robinson, editor of the Enterprise at Warrensburg, is fasting and has now lived more than thirty days without taking food. This plan is followed in the pursuit of health. The idea is one suggested by an eastern physician. Last spring C. C. H. Coven, formerly a business associate of Mr. Robinson, tried that plan and fasted thirty-two days. He declared that he was greatly benefited by the treatment.

GAVE HIMSELF UP.

George Smith Surrendered to the Police.

George Smith surrendered himself to the police yesterday morning. Smith is charged with making an assault on Steve Lowe with intent to kill. The assault was committed a week ago last Saturday night. The men had been drinking in a place on South Park street and got into a quarrel. Afterward they came together at the fountain in Central Park and Lowe was cut with a knife in the region of the heart. At first it was thought he had been fatally wounded, but he rapidly recovered from his injury and is now able to be about.

He is a Thief.

Chief Applegate has satisfied himself that Robert Baumgartner, the man arrested here a few days ago with a quantity of new goods on his possession, is a thief. They suspected him all along. Cards describing him and the goods he had in his possession were sent out and a reply has been received from Breckenridge, Ill., saying that the goods described were stolen from the store of D. W. Zinn of that place.

The Weather.

Washington, Nov. 13.—The indications for Illinois are increasing cloudiness and possible showers.

George Schlim, night foreman and car inspector for the Wabash has been promoted to the position of switchman and goes to work immediately.

DOWN THE WALK.**Horse Creates Excitement By a Wild Dash on Franklin Street.**

The business men along Franklin street had plenty of excitement for a few moments Monday just after dinner. An old horse driven by Mrs. Owens became frightened on East Prairie street by reason of the shaft coming loose from the axle and made a break down the street. The beast was not particular about keeping to the middle of the road, but took to the sidewalk. In front of Whittington's saloon the occupant of the buggy was thrown out by reason of the wheel breaking. Whittington, who was standing in front of his place of business, caught her before she struck the sidewalk, and she escaped uninjured. The horse ran down to Baker's barn and stopped there.

NO CHANCE FOR DENIAL.

C. E. Wilson Admits That he has a Surplus of Wives.

Sunday night Charles E. Wilson was arrested on a warrant sworn out by his first wife, Mary Wilson, charging him with wife desertion. This warrant was sworn out by her merely to get her husband in the clutches of the law. The charge that the first Mrs. Wilson wanted to make was that of bigamy. Some time ago she went east and was left there by her husband, who did not want her in this section of the country. He had met and loved a woman named Mary A. Rosanski, and was recently married to her at Taylorville.

The couple returned to Decatur to live and might have been happy had not some one sent a marked paper to the first Mrs. Wilson. Although she had no money she did not waste any time borrowing enough to get her to this state for the purpose of prosecuting her husband. Early Monday morning Mrs. Wilson No. 1 took a train to Taylorville and there swore out a warrant for the arrest of her faithless husband. Wilson did not want to go back there for trial, preferring to have his case disposed of in this city. Consequently his second wife went before Justice Hardy and swore out a warrant charging him with bigamy. When the first Mrs. Wilson got back from Taylorville with her warrant she found that her husband was then in jail on the very charge that she wanted to prosecute him on. Attorney Andrews is looking after the interest of the first Mrs. Wilson. Wilson waived examination before Justice Hardy and was sent to jail to await the action of the grand jury in the sum of \$500. After going behind the bars he said that there was no use fighting such a case and that he would plead guilty at the first opportunity. He admitted that he was guilty and thought that the sooner he could begin to serve his sentence the better it would be for him.

CLOSED BY THE STRIKE.

Suffern & Hunt Shut up Their Mill on Account of High Priced Coal.

Suffern & Hunt have closed their cereal mill on account of the high priced coal. They don't see how they can operate a plant of that kind, which must of necessity be conducted on a narrow margin of profit, with soft coal at \$3 a ton. The increase in the cost of the fuel is enough to eat up all the profits that they could hope to make. This is one of the misfortunes of the coal strike which everybody has feared. It will not only mean the closing of this mill but it is more than likely that other manufacturers will follow suit.

At the mill twenty men have been thrown out of employment. There ought to be some arrangement whereby this strike could be settled. The interests of the town demand it.

Short on Hay.

Dr. Brown bought a ton of hay yesterday at the city yard or he thought he did. He ordered it delivered at his residence and left. Some time after an honest old farmer called on the doctor and told him that before the man who sold him the hay left the yard he unloaded three or four hundred pounds of it. A friend of the doctor went to the yard and investigated the case and found it as reported. He was at the office when the fellow called for his pay, and finally forced a confession from him that he had given short weight. The fellow deducted the amount from the bill when he was paid.

When He Was Drunk.

Sedalia, Mo., Nov. 13.—Owen A. Collins, a Missouri, Kansas & Texas conductor came here last week to enter the company hospital. Instead, Wednesday he met Mrs. Mabel Ballard, and Thursday they were married. Today Collins brought suit for divorce, alleging that he was intoxicated at the time of the marriage and not responsible for his acts and that the defendant had a husband living at the time of the marriage.

Col. Isman Dead.

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 13.—Col. Henry Isman, author and ex-panaman, associate of Col. W. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) died here today, aged 62.

HAND-TO-HAND BATTLE.

**Eight Hundred Filipinos Attack
Lieut.-Col. Baker's Little
Garrison at Vigan.**

STREET FIGHT LASTING FOUR HOURS.

**The Enemy Finally Driven Off with
Heavy Loss—Our Loss Eight Killed
and Three Wounded—No Word Has
Been Received From Gen. Young
for a Week.**

Manila, Dec. 6, 5:50 p. m.—Lieut.-Col. Parker, of the Forty-fifth infantry, commanded at Vigan, province of South Ilocos, when that place was attacked Monday, December 4, by a force of insurgents. The American force consisted of Co. B, of the Thirty-third regiment, and 150 men, many of whom shared in the first attack, which was made at four o'clock in the morning and lasted until eight o'clock.

Enemy Eight Hundred Strong.
The enemy, who were estimated at 800 men, and who were commanded by Gen. Mino, came from the outskirts of the town to the post. The fighting was from house to house, and almost from hand to hand. The Americans captured 84 rifles and several prisoners. The official report says that eight men were killed and three wounded.

Reinforcements Sent to Vigan.
Col. Lisbee is sending reinforcements to Vigan on board the gunboat Wheeling.

Col. Parker praised the bravery of the sick American soldiers. Every man who was able to stand handled a rifle during the attack.

REPORT FROM GEN. OTIS.

**Nothing Heard From Gen. Young
for a Week.**

Washington, Dec. 6.—Gen. Otis cables the war department that he has had no word from Gen. Young for a week. This is taken to indicate that Young is continuing his hot pursuit of Aguinaldo, and probably is in a country where he regards it as unsafe to use couriers. Gen. Otis' dispatch, which follows, also gives an official account of Lieut.-Col. Parker's engagement at Vigan.

Manila, Dec. 6.—Gen. Young, with 12 companies of infantry and nine troops of cavalry has not been heard from since the 23rd ult. He was then about twenty miles south of Vigan, and most of his troops marching to his support. He then had with him three troops of cavalry. A battalion of the Thirty-third infantry has been sent by boat to Vigan to reinforce the garrison there. Lieut.-Col. Parker, of the Forty-fifth, reports from Vigan, on the 5th inst., that he has not heard from Young for a week. Insurgents, 800 strong, made an attack on his force, consisting of Co. B, and 150 men, and fought for four hours in the morning of the 4th, entering the city in the darkness. Severe street fighting ensued, and continued for four hours, the enemy being driven out, leaving behind 10 dead, 32 prisoners, including many officers, and 84 rifles. They are now on the outskirts intrinsing. Parker says he can hold out indefinitely, having plenty of rations and ammunition. His loss was eight enlisted men killed and three wounded. One hundred and sixty men are now being transported from San Fabian to his relief. Young must be in the vicinity with a large force.

A SCHOOL-TEACHER KILLED.

**D. O. Sanders Taken From His Class
at Akerstville, Ky., and Fatally Assaulted.**

Scottsville, Ky., Dec. 6.—D. O. Sanders, the teacher in the public school at Akerstville, Monroe county, was taken out of the church in which he was holding school, Tuesday morning, by two young men named Aker, a man named Holland and his two sons, in the presence of the entire school.

One of the party hit Sanders on the head and knocked him to his knees. Another drew his revolver and struck Sanders in the back, and a third stabbed him in the back while he was trying to run down the public road.

The cause of the tragedy was the burning of the Akerstville schoolhouse Saturday, and the teacher's accusing the parties of the crime.

The five men named were arrested by enraged citizens. Sanders was a bright young man, a native of Macon county, Tenn., and taught one of the best schools in Monroe county.

WHERE GEN. GORDON STANDS.

**Not in Favor of Pulling the Stars
and Stripes Down Wherever
They Are Floating.**

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 6.—Gen. John B. Gordon, of Georgia, now and for the past ten years commander in chief of the United Confederate Veterans, made a declaration on the Philippine question here. He said:
"My sympathies go out to the men who are fighting under the Stars and Stripes wherever they are, and I am not in favor of pulling the flag down. I guess that shows where I stand."

OTHERWISE UNNOTICED.

New Orleans mule dealers are kicking because Kansas City and East St. Louis firms captured a couple of fat British mule contracts.

The senate, after hearing the president's message, Tuesday, adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of Senator Hayward, of Nebraska.

A barn belonging to Sam Ragan, with six horses, was destroyed by fire at Mount Vernon, Ill.

Judge Samuel H. Martin, of Cairo, Ill., died at Belleflower, aged 78 years. He was a veteran of the Mexican war.

Col. J. H. Swan, one of the oldest and best-known lawyers of western Iowa, died at his home in Sioux City Tuesday.

Evidence accumulates to support the theory that John Webster, husband of Nellie McHenry, the well-known actress, ended his life in the rapids, just above the cataract, at Niagara Falls.

Adj.-Gen. Reece of Illinois has issued an order accepting the resignation of Mahlon O. Kesson as chief of staff of the naval militia of Illinois.

Among the letters received by the World's fair committee at St. Louis is one from Peoria, Ill., saying that space will be sought for a silk farm.

Cecil Rhodes' dispatches, intercepted near Kimberley, say the De Beers mines are filling with water and that Mr. Rhodes estimates the damage at \$50,000 per day.

Excessive pressure caused an explosion of a boiler at the boiler house of the Federal Steel Co. at Joliet, Ill. One man was instantly killed and nine seriously injured.

The blackroot industry at Alto Pass, Ill., was snuffed, Tuesday, by a notification to buyers to cease buying.

Death prevented the service of a subpoena on Miss Leah Atkinson, of Belleville, Ill., who swallowed poison because her sweetheart was going to the Philippines and she could not accompany him.

It is expected that the special committee appointed to investigate the matter will recommend to congress restrictions of privileges for certain classes of periodical mail matter.

J. W. Ayers, a visitor in St. Louis from Owensboro, Ky., was robbed of \$40 by a confidence man near Union station. George Wood was arrested and identified by Ayers.

Brigham H. Roberts, of Utah, was not permitted to take the oath of office in the house. A special committee was appointed to investigate the charges against him. Pending its report, he may not sit in the house.

The most disastrous fire in Meridian's (Miss.) history occurred Tuesday night. As a result, the Rosebaum building, in the heart of the business portion of the city, is in ruins and adjacent buildings are seriously damaged.

Congressman Lloyd, of Missouri, introduced a joint resolution in the house that a constitutional amendment be submitted providing for the election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people.

Mrs. Trevett, wife of Henry Trevett, a pioneer business man, was found dead in her bed at Champaign, Ill. It is supposed she took an overdose of chloral by mistake.

George Sloan, conductor on the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern, was run over in the yards at Flora, Ill., and both his legs were crushed off.

James Winchester, a young farmer who lived five miles east of Vienna, Ill., was assassinated while sitting in front of his own fireplace.

One of the features of the municipal elections in 15 of the 32 cities in Massachusetts, Tuesday, was the added triumph of the socialists at Brockton.

Consul Macrum's Substitute.
Washington, Dec. 6.—The state department heard, on the 5th, that Consul Macrum's substitute at Pretoria, an American named Atterbury, is probably one I. G. Atterbury, of Chicago, who left creditors to hold the bag for \$99,000 and hurried out of the jurisdiction of the United States.

For Cuba and Porto Rico.
Washington, Dec. 6.—Senator Chandler introduced a bill applying the customs and internal revenue laws of the United States to the islands of Cuba and Porto Rico after January 1, 1900. Goods between the islands and the United States are to be exchanged as between the states.

First Bill of the Session.
Washington, Dec. 6.—Mr. Aldrich, chairman of the finance committee, has the distinction of introducing the first bill of the present session. It was what is known as the senate finance measure, and is to affirm the existing standard of value of all forms of money, to refund the public debt, and for other purposes.

Quay's Chances in the Senate.
New York, Dec. 6.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: As the result of a canvass made by Mr. Quay's friends since the senate convened, it is ascertained that 46 of the 55 senators will vote to seat him as senator from Pennsylvania.

Fire at Harrisonville, Mo.
Harrisonville, Mo., Dec. 6.—Fire, Tuesday night, destroyed the buildings and yards of the Burley Lumber Co., causing an estimated loss of \$20,000. A strong wind was blowing, and it was at first feared that one end of the town would be destroyed.

LAPSING TO SAVAGERY.

**Fearful Deed of a Mob of Kentuckians in the City of
Maysville.**

DICK COLEMAN BURNED AT THE STAKE.

**The Murderer of Mrs. John Lashbrook Taken From His Official
Guard, on Arriving From Covington, Bound to a Stake, His
Eyes Out and Torch Applied.**

Maysville, Ky., Dec. 6.—Dick Coleman, the negro murderer of Mrs. Lashbrook, was taken from the officers by a mob of 1,000 men, and burned at the stake. The mob, led by the husband of the negro victim, dragged the shrieking criminal through the principal streets of the town, bound him to a tree, set fire to the brush heaped about him and stood guard until he was dead.

Under a Special Guard.

Coleman arrived at 10:20 a. m. under a special guard of deputies sworn in by the sheriff, including Detective Fitzgerald, Constable Dawson, Chief of Police Donovan, all the police force and two deputy sheriffs. When they arrived at the courthouse they were met by a mob of fully 1,000 people, headed by James Lashbrook, the husband of the murdered woman, and went immediately up Second street, through the central portion of the city to the hill followed by a mob of fully 5,000 persons.

The Mob Was Too Big.
All was done that was possible by the sheriff and guard to prevent a lynching, but in the face of such a mob of people irrespective of color, it was useless to attempt to do anything. The mob grabbed Coleman and threw a rope over his head and took him up above the city. Coleman could be heard, above the cries of the mob, pleading for his life.

As Bad as Savages.
The mob carried Coleman to a small hollow near the railroad, where they bound him tightly to a young sapling. Then they heaped a huge pile of brushwood and timber around him and fired the stake, while his eyes rolled horribly. Some one cut his eyes and in a moment his head rolled around and he was believed to be dead.

An Awful Scene.
The scene was a fearful one, and around the funeral pyre were thousands of maddened people, headed by the husband of the dead woman. A dozen torches were applied simultaneously and huge tongues of fire swept up and around the agonized wretch.

Before the roasting began Coleman was almost dead. The rope had torn and lacerated his neck and his face was terribly beaten up.

Disappointed Tuesday Night.
About 250 men were at the Chesapeake & Ohio train Tuesday night expecting him, but as he failed to come they waited for this morning. Had the officer succeeded in getting Coleman in jail here there would have been undoubtedly several killed in attempting to storm the jail doors.

KEPT IN COVINGTON JAIL.
Coleman Evidently Anticipated the Fate Awaiting Him.

Cincinnati, Dec. 6.—Dick Coleman, the colored murderer of Mrs. John Lashbrook, had been kept in the jail at Covington, Ky., since his arrest because of a fear of mob violence at Maysville. His trial was to begin at Maysville, and Judge Harbeson had ordered that he be brought to Maysville Tuesday night. A telegram, however, from Maysville caused the sheriff to delay starting until Wednesday morning. Coleman was in mortal terror when he was handcuffed to be placed in the train. He begged pitifully to be allowed to stay in Covington until after his trial was ended. It was understood that relatives of the Lashbrooks were in Covington, Tuesday night, and were on board the train for the purpose, it is supposed, of giving information in case any effort was made to change the destination of the prisoner.

WORKINGMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS.
The German Federal Government Assents to the Repeal of the Law Prohibiting Them.

Berlin, Dec. 6.—The imperial chancellor, Prince Hohenlohe, announced in the reichstag that the federal government had assented to the repeal of the law prohibiting workmen's associations.

Later the reichstag passed the first and second reading of the bill repealing this law. It was opposed by the members of the right.

A Short-Lived Ministry.
Brisbane, Queensland, Dec. 6.—As foreshadowed in a dispatch December 1, the labor ministry here has been short-lived. Premier Dawson has announced the resignation of the ministers, and Mr. Robert Philip, formerly treasurer and secretary of mines, has undertaken the task of forming a new cabinet.

DISPATCH FROM GEN. BULLER.

**He says It Is Difficult to Make Any
Statement in Regard to the
Enemy's Losses.**

London, Dec. 6.—The war office has received the following from Gen. Buller:

"Pietermaritzburg, Tuesday, Dec. 5.—It is very difficult to make any statement in regard to the enemy's loss. For instance, at Belmont 81 of their dead were accounted for. The enemy gave 15 as the number of killed. There is every reason to believe that the enemy's loss in the fight at Ladysmith, November 9, was over 800 killed and wounded. Information from a trustworthy Boer source shows that at Hildyard's fight November 23, the enemy lost 30 killed and 100 wounded. It is impossible to say how far these numbers are correct, but it is evident the enemy does not admit a tenth of the loss suffered. Intercepted dispatches to Joubert from a commander show that even the official dispatch contain decidedly inaccurate information in this respect."

AGUINALDO'S SURRENDER.

**Washington Officials Pin No Faith
to the Story in Relation There-
to From Hong Kong.**

Washington, Dec. 6.—Relative to the report from Hong Kong that Aguinaldo is willing to surrender to United States Consul Wildman, it is learned that though the consul himself has cherished that belief for some months past, the government here has been without any assurance of the soundness of his conclusion. Mr. Wildman is not the only official representing the United States in the far east who has expressed confidence in his ability to persuade Aguinaldo to cease hostilities, but for some reason the administration has always been somewhat skeptical as to these undertakings. This report from Hong Kong is believed to be nothing more than a revival of some of the old rumors.

RECESS APPOINTMENTS.

**A Large Batch of Them Sent to the
Senate by the President
for Confirmation.**

Washington, Dec. 6.—In addition to the new army appointments and the consuls sent to the senate, there were also a large number of appointments made during the recess which were filed. Among the most important were Elihu Root, of New York, to be secretary of war; Joseph W. Fifer, of Illinois, to be interstate commerce commissioner; William S. Foster, of Ohio, to be minister to Spain; Lawrence Townsend, of Pennsylvania, to be minister to Belgium; J. N. Tamm, of Iowa, to be minister to Portugal; Wm. F. Lord, of Oregon, to be minister to the Argentine republic; A. S. Handy, of New Hampshire, to be minister to Greece, Roumania and Servia.

There were also a long list of army promotions.

Alleged Confession of Murderer.
New York, Dec. 6.—Edward Burns, 19 years old, is under arrest in this city, charged with having murdered Herbert B. Feltow, station agent and postmaster at Second St., N. Y., on Monday night last. Capt. McKinstry, chief of the detective bureau, has announced that Burns has confessed to him that he had murdered Feltow by shooting him, and that he had also robbed him.

ELECTRIC ROADS IN HAWAII.

**Honolulu and Surrounding Places of
Interest to Be Connected by
Electric Railways.**

Cleveland, O., Dec. 6.—A syndicate, headed by Tom L. and Albert Johnson, the street car magnates, will build a street railroad in Honolulu, and on Oahu island, on which the capital of the Hawaiian islands is situated. Electric lines will not only be built within the city limits, but suburban lines will be constructed leading to the different points of interest and business near the city. A route will be built to the volcano for the convenience of tourists. The syndicate has absorbed the present horse car lines in Honolulu. Ferryboats will also be operated by the new company between the various islands of the group. The company, it is said, will have a monopoly of street car business in Honolulu.

They're Agin' the War.
London, Dec. 6.—In compliance with a requisition signed by Messrs. W. Richmond, John Clancy and others, the lord mayor of Dublin today tenens has called a meeting of the corporation for December 11, to dispose of a motion in which the corporation will deplore the "infliction on the South African republics of this lamentable, cruel and unnecessary war," and protest against a policy "involving loss of life and enormous expenditures."

Barred for the Present.
Washington, Dec. 6.—The house of representatives, Tuesday, after three hours' debate, adopted, by a vote of 302 to 30, the resolution referring the case of Brigham H. Roberts, the Mormon representative-elect, from Utah, to a special committee to investigate charges touching his eligibility as a member of the house. Meanwhile Mr. Roberts has to stand aside.

AS A BOARD OF CONTEST.

**The Kentucky Election Commissioners Hearing Arguments
on Contests.**

THE REPUBLICANS HAVE THE FIRST SAY.

**The Contention Made that the Board
Has No Right to Go Behind the
Returns, and That the Courts,
From the Highest to the Lowest,
Have So Decided.**

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 6.—The state election commissioners, sitting as a board of contest, met at 10 a. m. in the state senate chamber.

Arguments were heard on two propositions, the chief subject being the right of the commissioners to go behind the certified election returns for governor and lieutenant governor, when sitting as a contesting board, and the right of the commissioners to receive amended returns.

The Arguments Begun.
In deciding the course of argument, it was arranged that the democratic attorney should have the close. The republicans agreed to open, and D. W. Farleigh, for their side, brought up the question that the board had no right to go behind the returns of the county canvassing boards. He claimed that no state in the Union permitted such action, saying that the matter had been decided in all the courts of the United States, from the supreme court of the nation down. Mr. Farleigh apologized to the court for going into elementary law, but he declared that the question before the board was of such a plain and simple nature that it was necessary. He then quoted authorities to support his position. If it had been the intent of the statute, he claimed, that the canvassing board had the right to go behind the returns, why should there have been anything in the statutes providing for the creation of a contesting board.

In Reply to a Question.
In answer to a question, Mr. Farleigh entered upon a long argument designed to prove that the decisions did not show that the court of appeals had decided that canvassing boards had judicial power.

Commissioner Ellis asked Mr. Farleigh, if in cases where a canvassing board had positive knowledge that the returns were absolutely void, the board was, under the state statute, without power to apply any remedy.

"Absolutely so, in my judgment," was the reply.

The Roberts Committee.
Washington, Dec. 6.—Representative Taylor, of Ohio, chairman of the special committee to investigate the case of Mr. Roberts, of Utah, has called a meeting of the committee for 11 o'clock Thursday morning. Mr. Taylor says this initial meeting will be to determine upon a general line of action.

To Investigate Polygamy.
Washington, Dec. 6.—Mr. Rawlins, of Utah, presented a resolution in the senate providing for a full investigation of alleged polygamous practices in the United States, and whether the president had appointed polygamists to federal offices. It was referred to the judiciary committee.

Charged With Murder.
Detroit, Mich., Dec. 6.—Harry Hamburger was arrested here on his twentieth birthday anniversary on suspicion of being the murderer of John M. Reindel, whose body was found in a fearfully battered condition in his place of business last Saturday night.

Another Outbreak in Guatemala.
Washington, Dec. 6.—News has reached here of another revolutionary outbreak in Guatemala. Few details are obtainable as yet, but it is known that the movement so far is confined to the northern portion of the country near the Mexican border line.

Loss of the Charleston Inquiry.
Washington, Dec. 6.—Rear-Admiral Watson cables the war department that the court of inquiry to investigate the loss of the cruiser Charleston convened Tuesday at Cavite. He added that all the Charleston's people were present.

Killed by Dynamite.
Crystal Falls, Mich., Dec. 6.—A stick of dynamite was struck by a miner's pick in the Bristol mine, Tuesday night, and an explosion followed which killed the miner and seriously injured two others.

The Next G. A. R. Reunion.
Chicago, Dec. 6.—The national council of the Grand Army of the Republic decided that the next reunion will be held during the last week of August, 1900, in Chicago.

"Get Rich Quick" Operators Vanose.
Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 6.—Ward and Watson, who, it is claimed, have been operating what is known as the "Arbitrage system" here, entirely similar to that of the Franklin Syndicate, in New York, have disappeared.

Consul at Mannheim.
Washington, Dec. 6.—The president has nominated Heaton W. Harris, of Ohio, to be consul of the United States at Mannheim, Germany.

BIG CARGO OF WAR MATERIAL.

**Guns, Ammunition and Other Stores
for the Russian Warships Building
by the Cramps.**

Philadelphia, Dec. 6.—The Danish steamship Vladimir Swain is on its way to this city, carrying one of the largest cargoes of war material ever shipped to the United States. The shipment includes 5,000 tons of heavy and light guns, ammunition, time-fuses, torpedoes and other war material of the most approved types, and is consigned to the Russian government for use on the Russian warships now building at Cramps' ship yard.

When the men-of-war leave Cramps they will be in trim for action, and will proceed direct to the Chinese coast and to Persian gulf ports.

FLED FROM JOHANNESBURG.

**Arrival Home of an American Woman
and Her Children—Last Woman
an Out of Johannesburg.**

Hazleton, Pa., Dec. 6.—Fleeing from Johannesburg on October 13, three days previous to the opening of hostilities, Mrs. H. Dickerman, the last woman refugee to get out of the principal Transvaal city, has arrived at the home of her parents in this city.

Her husband, a mining engineer, remained to guard his mining interests, in which he is associated with George Clyde, also a former citizen of Hazleton. Mrs. Dickerman was accompanied by her five children. They sailed along the east coast of Africa, and passed through the Suez canal.

Cast Their Lot with Cuba.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Reports received from Havana show that about 120,000 Spaniards, residents of Cuba, will cast their lot with the free and independent Cuba. About 30,000 Spanish residents will retain their allegiance to Spain.

Arrival of Paderewski.

New York, Dec. 6.—Ignace J. Paderewski, the pianist, and Mme. Paderewski, were passengers on board the steamer Oceanic, which arrived from Liverpool.

PROBABLY FATALLY SHOT.
Rev. D. B. Cheney and Wife, of Racine, Wis., Shot by a Dissatisfied Burglar.

Racine, Wis., Dec. 6.—Rev. D. B. Cheney, pastor of the First Baptist church, and his wife were shot and probably fatally injured by a burglar who entered their home at 10 a. m. At the point of a revolver they were compelled to turn over money and jewelry and then thinking they were endeavoring to conceal some valuables, the burglars shot them both and escaped.

The Menace at Port Said.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The arrival of the transport Menace at Port Said, with the Forty-third infantry, is a cause of concern to the war department. No casualties are reported.

Army Promotions.
Washington, Dec. 6.—The president has nominated the following brigadier generals:

Edgar R. Kellogg, Second United States infantry; Robert S. Carpenter, Eighteenth United States infantry; Wm. I. Koble, Thirty-fifth United States volunteers; J. Franklin Bell, Thirty-sixth United States volunteers.

Chaplain Shields' Case.
San Francisco, Dec. 6.—The court martial of Chaplain David H. Shields, on the charge of drunkenness and absence without leave, will be resumed at the Presidio Thursday. The prosecution will not occupy much time, but the chaplain has many witnesses, and sensational developments are looked for.

Yellow Fever in Costa Rica.
Panama, Dec. 6.—Reports from Costa Rica indicate that yellow fever has appeared in the interior of the country. For the first time on record cases of the disease have broken out in Alajuela, 12 miles from the capital, where on account of its high altitude, it was not believed yellow fever could develop.

The Logan at Malta.
Washington, Dec. 6.—The war department has been informed of the arrival at Malta, of the transport Logan. She has on board the Forty-first infantry, Col. Richmond, and reports all well.

Found Dead in Her Home.
Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 6.—Mrs. Amelia E. Sanford, treasurer of the Illinois State Women's Christian Temperance union, was found dead at her home. It is thought she died from apoplexy Tuesday. She was 63 years old.

Grievance Adjusted.
Bloomington, Pa., Dec. 6.—The grievance over wages of the 250 car builders employed by the American Car and Foundry Co. at Berwick, has been adjusted, and the men have returned to work after a three days' strike.

Gen. Wood Promoted.
Washington, Dec. 6.—The president has nominated Jr.-Gen. Leonard Wood to be a major general of volunteers.

Earthquake Shock.
Miller, S. D., Dec. 6.—An earthquake shock was felt here at a. m. It was the first ever noticed in this section.

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BRIEFLY MENTIONED

John Holland is on the sick list.
Mr. and Mrs. Will Floyd, of Elwin, are visiting for Los Angeles, Cal.
Attorney C. C. Leforgee was in Taylorville yesterday on legal business.

Claude Lindsay and Nick Scherer have gone to Arkansas on a hunting trip.

Wm. Berkley, a Wabash fireman, is improving after an illness with rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reimon have gone to Galveston, Texas, to visit for a few months.

Dr. J. H. McNutt of Hammond and Melvin Welby of Cerro Gordo, were in the city yesterday.

John Clarkson, of Cerro Gordo, was in the city yesterday to undergo an operation for a broken nose. Drs. Sanders and Slusher making the member good as new.

WORK IS BOOMING.

The Work of Laying Stone Will Commence Today.

Unless the plans go awry the work of laying the stone on the new Illinois Central passenger station will begin today. Yesterday ten stone masons arrived from Chicago and last night they had the material in shape so that they could begin work on the foundation this morning. There were more than sixty men at work about the ground yesterday. The possibility is that the force will be increased today. Yesterday Foster Bros. were busy plowing at that point where the basement will be dug. The plowing was no easy job. There is some frost in the ground and then too every little while the plow would strike some obstruction long concealed beneath the surface and holding the handles of the plow was no soft job. Today the sappers will be used getting out the earth from the basement of the building. With that exception all of the excavating must be done with shovels because there is only the narrow trenches to work.

Two small houses have been erected at the site. One of them is for storing the tools at night and the other is for storing cement.

The work at the new station is one of great interest to the average Decatur man and every day there is a big crowd watching the work.

There has been not a few persons asking about train sheds. The plans for the new building show that there will not only be no covering over the station platform but there will be no train sheds. The distance from the building to the passenger tracks is about sixty feet.

We Got Zaza at Last.

Mr. Charles Frohman will present for the first time in this city on Saturday night December 9, Mr. David B. Zaza's latest and greatest success, "Zaza." This play has had a most wonderful and phenomenal career at the various theatres in New York, extending continuously throughout the better part of two theatrical seasons.

It is an artistic success never exceeded by any play, and it has been a financial success that was limited only by the capacity within the walls of the Garrick theatre.

If you desire to settle the question, avoid the rapacity of coal combustion and secure the greatest amount of heat for the least amount of money, go and investigate the Champion Oil Burner on exhibition at 116 Merchants street. That this device will do all that has ever been claimed for it is the conclusion of the writer after a thorough examination of it. It is a vaporized kerosene oil burner, it produces carbon gas of intense heating properties. There is no odor, noise, smoke or dust. It is safe as coal. With it one gallon of oil will give heat sufficient for a six-hole kitchen range for 10 hours, or for use in a nine room house 6 hours, which means half the cost of coal or wood. It can be put in any stove without any change of either. Heat consumes. Whether or not the intense heat would not carbonize, he parades in the oil so as to clog and stop them and burn them, queried the writer the exhibitor "No, sir," replied he, "has proven by several years test. Suppose a pipe should burn out in two years; it can be easily replaced for 75 cents, and you pay double that for coal stove linings in that time."

PREFERS THE WABASH

Superintendent A. Robertson Denies That he Contemplates Making Any Change

SOME LOCAL RAILROAD NEWS

Supt. A. Robertson, of the middle division of the Wabash, arrived home last night after a visit of a week in the east. The most of his time away from home was spent in New York where his wife is ill, having gone to that city for medical treatment. Referring to the story that he had gone east to consider a proposition to work on the Philadelphia & Reading, Supt. Robertson said: "I went east to visit my wife who is ill in New York city. That was what took me east. While there I ran down to Philadelphia to visit Mr. Garrett for a few hours. There is no one with a higher regard for Mr. Garrett than I have, but I have no intention of leaving the Wabash. I want to consider this my home. Why shouldn't I? All my relations here are pleasant. I have had no thought of leaving the service of the company and certainly did not go east to consider any such proposition."

On his arrival home last night Superintendent Robertson, after disposing of some pressing business matters, was surrounded by his official family and they visited for an hour or more. All of them had served under W. A. Garrett and all were anxious to hear from him, and how he was progressing in his new position. That he was doing well is shown by one instance related by Supt. Robertson. On one stretch of track the P. & R. handles many trains of coal. The distance is short, less than thirty miles. The records show that last year the average time per train over that district was four and one half hours. The records show that the average time per train over that district is now one and a half hours. Mr. Garrett is reported to be in good health and to still hold a warm affection for his old associates on the Wabash.

WALKER CAKE WALK.

Rev. Bolar Walker of Joliet, to whom the various railroads running through that place sent an annual half-fare clergy permit, recently, with the notation that the concession was a courtesy not an obligation, has returned each credential accompanied by a letter to the effect that he will decline to accept any permit unless it is sent to him in the ordinary way, without any "courtesy" attachment. Rev. Mr. Walker is rector of the Episcopal cathedral of Joliet.

Mr. Walker and the Chicago-Joliet railway companies have been quarrelling over the permit question for nearly two years. The reverend patron has carried his case to the interstate commerce commission and the principle involved has excited national interest in clerical circles.

When the move to have the railroads running through Joliet elevate their track was begun it is alleged that Rev. Mr. Walker in his crusade against the transportation companies charged that the latter were resorting to shady methods to have the city council reject an elevation measure. His antagonism caused, it is said, the railroad officials to refuse him the half-fare permit usually given all ministers by the roads west of Chicago. Mr. Walker complained to the interstate commerce commission that he was an object of discrimination. The railroads' attorneys maintained that clergy permits were concessions or favors and that the transportation lines could elect the persons to whom they should be given.

The case was taken under consideration by the commission and nothing was heard of it until about a week ago, when the chairman of the commission suggested to the officers of the railroad companies that if they would send Mr. Walker a permit for 1899 he would be willing to have the case dismissed.

The railroads, represented by the Western Passenger association, the managers of which are in Chicago, acted on the advice of the commission and sent Mr. Walker a permit for the coming year. Accompanying the credentials, however, was a note to the effect that the permit was sent as a courtesy and that the railroad companies did not feel that the latter legally bound to extend it. This did not satisfy Mr. Walker, for he has now returned the permit, saying he will accept no "favors," but will stand on his rights.

Mr. Walker's action may cause the case before the commission to be reopened to force that body to render a decision.

QUITS THE PENNSYLVANIA.

C. P. Bush, superintendent of motive power of the lines of the Pennsylvania railroad west of Pittsburgh, has resigned to accept a similar position with the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul system, with headquarters in Milwaukee. Mr. Bush will enter

upon the duties of his new office January 1.

For nearly sixteen years Mr. Bush has been with the Pennsylvania company, occupying various positions, from machinists' apprentice to the one he is to relinquish. He has been superintendent of motive power for seven years. He will have executive jurisdiction of the motive power of the entire St. Paul system.

HIGHER BROOMCORN RATE.

At the meeting of the Railroad and Warehouse commission Tuesday a petition was received from all the railroads of the State asking for an increase in the broomcorn shipping rate. The roads ask that the rate be changed from fourth class to second-class. The petition was set for hearing at the January meeting of the commission.

CENTRAL'S STATE TAX.

The Illinois Central company Tuesday paid the State Treasury \$365,949, being 7 per cent of the gross earnings of the road for six months ending October 31, 1899. This is the largest payment into the Treasury \$365,949 made by the Central except that for the World's year, amounting to \$450,176.24.

C. E. Jeters, formerly an engine on the Wabash, is now running an engine on the P. & R.

John Poland, a boiler maker in the Wabash shops, resigned his position yesterday.

J. E. Berne is now doing extra work as dispatcher on the Wabash.

F. B. Elder, who several months ago resigned his position as station agent for the Wabash at Griggsville to take service with the Great Northern, has quit that road and returned to the Wabash. He is now working in X D office.

Fireman Dan Rolison has resumed his place as Wabash fireman after a vacation of a week.

The cold weather of the last week has given the firemen on the Wabash fast passenger trains plenty to do if they did not have enough before. Especially after night is this true. The big engines carry 195 pounds boiler pressure and not only must that be maintained but there must be steam for the electric headlight and for the heating of the train.

Supt. G. H. Graves, of the I. D. & W. was in Decatur yesterday for a business visit.

Supt. J. C. Dailly, Trainmaster C. E. Taylor and Roadmaster L. A. Downs, of the Illinois Central, were in Decatur yesterday to watch the progress of the work on the new passenger station.

Conductor Al Hughes, of the through Wabash passenger service, is off of the road for a few days and Conductor A. L. Robinson is on that run.

Conductor Leon Clendenin, of the Streator branch, is off of the road on account of illness in his family and Conductor D. Whitney is on the Streator accommodation.

As soon as the cold weather there is an increased demand for grain cars because the farmers increase the deliveries.

Last week, with the miners taking a holiday the middle division of the Wabash moved 1450 cars of coal.

James Irvin has taken the position in the car office formerly held by Fred Badenhausen and Charles Owens succeeds Irvin. Emil Lehnhauser succeeds Owens as messenger.

For the last week in November the P. D. & E. earnings were \$24,892, as compared with \$21,671 in the same week last year.

Frederic O. D. Ashby, of the Wabash, is in St. Louis visiting headquarters.

Despatcher A. E. Helm is out on the ninth and tenth districts learning the road.

Deeds Recorded.

George W. Cook to Board of Extension General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church, lot 1 and 2 in block 15 in Railroad addition to Macon; \$1.

Decatur Mutual Loan Association to Privella Jacobs lot 12 in block 1 in Brock's second addition to Decatur; \$400.

Fred A. Raederick to Joseph M. Brownback the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of 16, 17 & east; \$2,000.



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TO REVISE PRACTICE CODE.

Attorneys' Commission Decide to Amend Present Practice Rules.

The commission to revise the practice of the laws of Illinois has just completed a session at Galesburg, where it met and discussed with the members of the bar of that city and other cities in that circuit the changes thought necessary or deemed advisable in the present mode of practice.

There was little done beyond discussion in Galesburg. The commission will meet in Chicago, December 27, and the expectations are that the meeting in that city will prove very important. In the meeting in Galesburg a resolution was adopted that for the present at least the commission would work along the line of amending the present practice rules rather than toward the adoption of a code or abolishing the distinction in law and equity. The present disposition is that unless a strong showing is made or a code that the spirit of the resolution of Friday's meeting in Galesburg will be adhered to in the final report of the commission.

The commission has received many suggestions from attorneys over the state as to what should be done or not done, and each suggestion is receiving careful consideration. Suggestions have been received that the appellate court hold four terms a year and perhaps more. Now it holds only two. In support of this suggestion it is urged that with the present two terms a year a judgment obtained in a term of the circuit court cannot be taken to the appellate court until six months. This, of course, in counties where only two terms are held in each year.

Another suggestion is that the supreme court pass upon all questions involved in a case submitted to it for consideration. Of all the suggestions received so far there are very few that favor the adoption of a code.

One attorney suggests that attorneys be not allowed to become surety for clients. It is urged in support of this suggestion that in many cases an attorney does not want to go on his client's bond, and is not in a position to refuse. And, again, that in many cases where the attorney on the other side would rather not take him on the bond, but feel a delicacy about saying so.

Another suggestion is that terms of court be abolished in the sense that one can get out a summons returnable in ten days, and if the defendant does not appear to defend judgment can be taken. This also applies to the counties more particularly that have only two terms a year, and is somewhat difficult to handle many of the cases that come before it on that account.

There are many other suggestions of more or less importance. Each in its turn is taken up by the commission and carefully discussed and considered. The commission anticipates that it will hear from many more attorneys before it is ready to report, and it is ready to receive suggestions at any time.

Badly Bruised.

Chick Walker, newsboy on the Wabash, was painfully bruised at Jacksonville by falling off the train. He lives at 448 East avenue, this city, and was taken home when he arrived.

HAMMOND.

Miss Nellie Wortham, who is attending High School in Decatur, spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wortham.

J. R. Patrick was a business visitor in the county capital Tuesday.

John Dick and family visited the former's sister in Arthur Sunday.

Earl Evans entertained a number of his friends at a party, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Evans in the east part of town. The evening was spent in games and music. Refreshments were served at 10 and all departed at a late hour for their homes.

F. W. Taylor was a Decatur visitor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Wren drove to Oconee Saturday to visit the latter's father, after spending several days with friends and relatives here.

Mr. Wren has sold out his grocery store in Decatur. He has not decided yet what he will do.

E. E. Bernard and wife will move into their new home this week and begin housekeeping.

All of our teachers attended the teachers meeting at Monticello Friday and Saturday.

Seth Montague's father from Mattoon visited him several days last week.

J. L. Taylor went to Tuscola Tuesday.

Rev. Joseph Martin, of Atwood, preached to a large audience at the M. E. church Sunday.

B. Y. Vachok was in Decatur Friday.

W. Goodrich and wife spent Sunday in Pierson, the guest of Mrs. Goodrich's parents.

E. Greer's new house is about ready to occupy.

Jerry Gentry was a Decatur visitor Tuesday.

Black and Colored Silks, and Colored Dress Goods

PRICES TO UNLOAD THIS WEEK.

Black Princess Silks, 20 inches wide at 63c.
Black Armure Silks, 20 in. wide at 75c.

Black Taffetas Silk 58c to 63c
Black Taffetas, fine finish, 7c
Black Taffetas 27 inches wide, \$1 yd
Black Satin Duchess Silks, 68c.
Black Satin Duchess Silk, extra heavy, 75c.

Black Satin Duchess Silk, finest finish, 22 inches wide, at \$1
Black Radmire Silk, 21 inches wide, at \$1.

Black Silk Poplin, fine finish, 21 inches wide, at 50c.
Black Silk Poplin, fine finish, 21 in. wide, at \$1.50.

23-inch checked Taffetas, in the new combination 81 quality, 63c. Such as new blue, navy and brown, new green, black and brown, new red, green and garnet, corse, purple and red, and blue and black.

29-inch new Corded Check in the rain-bow shades, 81 quality, 63c.
20-in. black and green stripe Satin, 81 quality, 63c.

20-inch in Changeable Taffeta, in blue and grey, with polka dot and brown, and blue with brown polka dot, 81 quality, 63c.

20-inch plain red with white dot and turquoise blue with black dot, 81 quality, 63c.

20-inch fancy Taffetas, with satin stripes and many other choice designs, at 63c.

All the late colors in the black check silks with heavy raised cords, at \$1

Colored Dress Goods.

One lot of Plaids, Brocades, stripes and plain dress goods, to close at 10c.
One lot of choice checks and novelties, regular 50c value at 19c.

25 pieces of choice plaids for school dresses at 25c
10 pieces of 40-inch Camel Hair suiting at 50c.

15 pieces all-wool Venetian Cloth, all colors, 5c
10 pieces 36-inch all-wool suitings at 6c.

20 pieces of choice plaid golf suitings at \$1.
One lot of camel's hair plaids, special yard, 35c.

One lot of 36-inch all-wool Hemitons and Surzes, all colors, yard 29c.
35-inch extra weight Homespun, fine value, 59c.

10 pieces camel's hair suiting, 40 in wide, 50c
15 pieces all-wool Venetian cloth, 50c.

5 pieces all-wool Coverts, 40 inches wide, 50c
54-inch all-wool suitings, all colors, 65c.

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SERVANTS IN AMERICA.

DIVIDED INTO THREE ERAS
IN THE NORTH.

This Problem Has Always Caused Trouble, Even in the Colonial Times, When Indians Were Helpers.

In the northern states of this country the domestic service question has been divided into three eras: The colonial, when such service was performed by Indians, colored people and redemptioners, the latter persons who had been convicted of misdemeanors in England and sent over here as punishment; the second division was the time from the revolution to the civil war, when native American women composed the serving class; and the third, since the war, when foreigners have rapidly come into favor.

The law regulated the relation between master and servant during the colonial period, in which the former was bound to treat the latter humanely and not to sell his services to another against the servant's will. On the other hand, the master was protected by heavy penalties against the servant who ran away. The whole system was in harmony with the English idea of such matters. When the declaration of independence came to set all men on the same footing the old distinctions were in a great degree broken down and native men and women came to the fore. They were treated in many cases very much like members of the family, and the period is sometimes called the "golden era of domestic co-operation."

All this time, however, there were those who still preferred the traditional, obsequious service of European servants, and where there was money enough these were brought over to keep up the ancient system. The Americans began to dread entering service lest they too should come to lose their independence and position as the best trained foreign servants had. Thus the foreigners gradually began to enter in and the native men and women to draw out. The enormous emigration to this country in the twenty years following 1840 supplied the demands. These newcomers "knew their places," as the aristocratic mistresses used to declare, and they were very welcome. In some of the districts of the middle west these American serving women are still found, but in most of the large cities the whole idea is now obsolete.

It is a well-known fact that the domestic service is suffering constantly because many of the more competent and better educated women are being drawn off into factories, shops and lower-grade teaching. While the wages connected with these branches are frequently no better than or even not so good as those for the domestic service there is the alluring promise of greater independence and liberty after the regular day's work.

A Bad Habit.

It makes me shudder to see a woman bite thread or silk with her teeth, and nine women out of ten take that way of snapping off ends when they sew. The dentists have come to recognize teeth which have been put to such use, and have christened them "thread teeth." The biting of thread is one of the worst abuses to which a tooth can be subjected. Just why the habit is formed would be hard to say, because every workbasket worth the name contains a pair of scissors, and only the merest fraction of time is lost in using them. What would matter the loss of whole minutes when the welfare of things which can never be replaced is concerned. The persistent biting is literally sawing the enamel off the teeth, and nothing can take its place; yet I venture to say that every one of the thread-biting women would stoutly maintain that she takes the best of care of her teeth, and can not understand why she is forced to pay such frequent visits to her dentists. He will not tell her what is the matter, because he has undoubtedly grown very weary of giving good advice which nobody follows. He will repair the damage as far as his skill goes, and pocket his fees like a sensible man. Never, never expect in this work to get an atom of sympathy for the results of your own foolishness, for it will not be forthcoming.

The Pompadour Puff.

"It is the decree of fashion that the hair shall be dressed in some form or other of the pompadour puff; for years the tendency has been, growing, and now the pretty, becoming style bids fair to be as popular as was the straight parting." All a dozen years ago," writes Emily Wright, in the August Ladies' Home Journal, "From the fashion centers of Europe rumors are reaching us that the 'bang' is to be revived. It is to be hoped that in America women will not return to the slavery of taming the hair and keeping it in such a way as to suit that most troublesome of all fashions."

The New Glove.

A fancy, whose only claim to attention is its oddity, has just appeared. There is no beauty in it, yet it is probably the germ of a flourishing fad. A woman whose fashionable attire bespeaks unlimited means has been seen with her hands incased in gloves devoid of stitching, the plainness of the white kid relieved by a monogram worked in black. As the wearer's hands lay flat, the plain and pretty glove is a perfect model of simplicity. It is a new and novel idea, and one which would look upon the old-fashioned gloves with a new and different eye.

A person who is fastidious in the matter of gloves is a person who is putting up with a poor specimen.

Able Man, Pure Morally.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 6.—Ex-Senator John Q. Abbott of Morgan county is in the city. He spent several months in Utah, the home of Mormonism, a year ago, as a member of the Ute Indian commission. This was during the campaign resulting in the election of Hon. E. H. Roberts the polygamist congressman. Mr. Abbott strongly favors the scathing of Roberts. Said the ex-senator tonight: "I am in favor of giving Roberts his sent because I know him to be morally a pure man. Roberts was a member of the constitutional convention in Utah which prohibited polygamy in the future. Let's one of the most active advocates of the abolition of polygamy. He did not believe, however, that it would be right for men who had been led by a wrong religion to take unto themselves several wives to cast them off save one when polygamy was abolished. He believed that those who had more than one wife should care for them as before and sustain them in the relations of matrimony into which they had entered. Under the circumstances I believe this was right."

"Roberts is one of the most able men in all this country. He is as eloquent as Forsaker and as clean politically as any statesman Ohio ever brought forth. He arose from the humblest work of a blacksmith to his present position. I believe he is entitled to his seat and should have it."

SOME TITLED PEOPLE.

The queen regent of Spain recently inherited a large fortune from a bachelor, Alexander Solar, and has given \$600,000 of it to charities.

The duchess of York, in the absence of the princess of Wales from London this season, has worked indefatigably in the cause of duty and pleasure and won herself a warm popularity everywhere.

Queen Isabella of Spain is spending the summer in the forest of Fontainebleau and her daughter, the Infanta Eulalia, has returned to Spain, her husband, Don Antonio, having gone to Vichy for a course of waters.

The emperor of Austria will take a this month, by the advice of his physicians. The emperor William I. attributed the excellent health which he enjoyed until he was past 90 entirely to his plan of undergoing "cures" every summer.

Queen Victoria has expressed a wish that Sir John Fullerton should retain the command of the Victoria and Albert, in spite of his approaching promotion to the rank of vice-admiral. Sir John will rejoin the royal yacht a few days before she leaves Portsmouth harbor for Cowes roads.

There is to be a great gathering of the royal family of Denmark during this month and next, when King Christian will entertain his relations at the castle of Fredensborg, which is famous for its charming gardens and its vast beech forests, where the late emperor of Russia used to shoot by moonlight.

The duke of Sutherland has been cruising along the coast of Devonshire and Cornwall in his yacht Catania, which was at Falmouth recently for a few days, in order that the duke and his friends on board (Sir William Russell, Sir Allen Young and Montague Guest) might visit the stranded liner Paris.

The Emperor Francis Joseph has instructed the keeper of the purse to invest a large part of his personal fortune in house property in Budapest. Land has already been purchased and the houses will be built at once. The emperor is possessed of large estates, but hitherto he has taken no part in course of waters at Gastein during speculative financial operations.

PERSONALS.

Jerome K. Jerome has written and published sixteen novels in eleven years.

Mrs. John J. Ingalls is famed throughout Kansas for her blackberry jam.

George Harris, a Boston cab driver, has accumulated a fortune of \$100,000 during his lifetime by the investment of his fares.

Verdi wears a long, loose, double-breasted sack coat and baggy trousers, so that at first sight it seems as if the great maestro were clad in pajamas.

Miss E. P. Bagley recently died in St. Helena at the age of 90 years. She was one of the few remaining persons on that island who had known and spoken with Napoleon I. when he was a prisoner there.

William Dean Howells, asked when he found time to apply himself to literature, replied: "I did so before I really had time. As a boy I was perpetually imitating the great authors to the neglect of the duties generally expected of a boy."

Helen Keller, the deaf, dumb and blind girl, is spending the summer at Wrentham, Mass., where she is keeping up her study of Greek and Arabic, writing her exercises on a typewriter machine especially designed for those languages.

Lady Louise Tighe is the only survivor of those present at the Duke of Richmond's famous ball on the eve of the Battle of Waterloo. She was a child at the time, but distinctly remembers the whole scene described in Byron's "Childe Harold."

Ex-Secretary John G. Carlisle when preparing a case or a speech mechanically plays solitaire. He will begin sometimes early in the evening and be at the game until long after midnight. Although his mind is on the more serious matter, he rarely makes a misplay.

Daniel Frohman, the theatrical manager, was a newspaper man, when in 1871, he was engaged to manage a weekly paper. He was paid \$10,000, and was to receive \$10,000 more if the paper was successful. Mr. Frohman is the man who has managed the success of the "Theatre" since then.

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Promise of a Big Performance at the Opera House in Near Future.

John W. McKinney representing "A Runaway Girl" came to town last night to make arrangements with Manager Given for the appearance of that play on Tuesday night next. It will be one of the big things of the season. It is an operatic comedy and a good one from the rise to the fall of the curtain on the last act. The play includes thirty-two singing parts, with a total of sixty-five persons, and the star of them all is James T. Powers, one of the funniest comedians in the business. He is well known here and needs no introduction. In past years he has been seen to good advantage in the comedies of Charles H. Hoyt and in more recent years at the head of his own company, "A Runaway Girl" was on the boards at Daly's in New York for over a year and was then moved to another theatre to make room for "The Great Ruby." In London it has been running continuously at the Gaiety theatre for the past four years.

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So interesting and instructive has the exhibition of the Champion Oil Baruer company's new invention for burning kerosene oil gas proved that Mr. E. H. Slater, the company's representative, has because of many special requests decided to remain here until Saturday evening. This will leave but three days more in which to inspect this wonderful and at the same time simple contrivance for transforming ordinary kerosene into a practical fuel. The absolute safety, simplicity and, above all, cheapness of the new invention, bids fair to revolutionize present methods of heating, and housekeepers will find it a convenience that they cannot dispense with. The exhibition will continue until Saturday which will be the last of the exhibitions in Decatur. The selling of their burners will be left in the hands of a competent agent.

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Special Rates.

Account Thanksgiving excursion tickets will be sold to all stations within a distance of 150 miles at one and one-third fare for the round trip. Tickets sold Nov. 29 and 30, good returning up to and including Dec. 1.

Sunday Rates.

On Sunday you can secure a ticket to many points at greatly reduced rates. You can go to Danville and return for \$2.21, to Springfield \$1.16, to Jacksonville \$2.18, to St. Louis \$3.55. These St. Louis tickets are also sold for Saturday afternoon trains and are good to return up to and including train leaving St. Louis the following Monday. These are just half rates. Half saved in every case, other points are sold at proportionately low rates.

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BOTH PHONES 204.

The anti-Roberts petitions have 7,000,000 names attached.

Kansas lumber men are trying to grow rich in a hurry by raising the price of lumber and reducing the rates on freight.

Recent revelations have shown that New York is so full of bogus banking and investment schemes that those places are to be raided by the police.

Col. Bryan declares that he will stay in politics as long as he lives. No one who recognizes his aggressive spirit expected him to do anything else.

Boston not only holds the bean record but also the whiskey drinking record of the country, notwithstanding that John L. Sullivan has removed to New York.

All the hard things that have been said against the Illinois Central in the past years, and even all the hard thoughts are now retracted by the people of Decatur.

The wheat market has been a rather unsatisfactory one for some months past. Almost without feature, it has gradually sagged off until a decline of about 10 cents has been established.

Congressman Richardson of Tennessee has been selected as the democratic leader in the house is a good parliamentarian and probably the best fitted man for the place in congress.

Mr. Howell is now in congress and if he does not do anything else but get Decatur that public building this part of the district will consider that he has made a good record.

Samuel D. Hastings, who resigned as treasurer of the prohibition national committee, has held the office for a dozen years. He is 84 years of age and has been a resident of Wisconsin for half a century. He served for three terms as treasurer of the state.

In his arrangement of Congressman-elect Roberts and objecting to his taking a seat in the House, Congress, and Taylor of Ohio made a new point against the morrow by questioning the identity of his naturalization. Roberts was born in England and came to this country when only 7 years old.

Patrick Collins, democratic candidate for mayor of Boston, declined an invitation to attend a meeting of the Workmen's Political League, saying that he "has been overworked with taxation of late" and "has been compelled to decline all of a social character."

Michael Provost, the French journalist and wit, was at Decatur during the Dreyfus trial. When it was announced that Dreyfus had been found guilty, with extenuating circumstances, some one asked him what he supposed these circumstances were. "His innocence, I suppose," said Provost.

After figuring up a loss of about \$20,000 on the Chicago grand opera engagement, impresario Grau remarked, as he left for Boston, "I can't understand Chicago." "The people of Chicago do not understand Mr. Grau and his grand opera. At least not to the extent of letting 200 of their coin for the sake of hearing it."

Admiral Dewey, Gov. Roosevelt and Gen. Funston are regularly ranked as veritable heroes—men who know the name of fear. It is more than doubtful, however, if any one of the three warriors named could wear one of a silk hat past a crowd of small boys in snowball time and not look around to see if they were impeded.

It is now in order for all of the towns, represented by republican postmasters to tell the dear people what a wise, patriotic and statesmanlike decision was the president's last message to congress. On the other hand the organs of the utterer will point out what a weak, wavering syllable in many words sort of an ad in it was. Politics is a great game.

One of the greatest victories so far gained by the British forces in South Africa was won yesterday by Gen. Carrere. He concentrated his infantry, surrounded 1,000 bags of flour and conducted them safely into camp without allowing the Boers to capture a solitary bag. In view of this achievement the general's name should be changed to Gethere.

One of the finest-looking men sworn was Mr. Colbertson of Texas in as a member of the senate on Monday, whose father has been a member of the house of representatives for a quarter of a century and is considered by many the ablest man in that body. The son is said to inherit much of

that ability and looks like a good deal of a man. He has been governor of his state and made a good record. He was elected to the senate with only three opposing votes.

Pugilist Jeffries has a cousin of the same name, who lives on a farm near Celina, O. He, too, is a man of strength. He is now 38 years old, weighs about 180 pounds, and recently while his father was visiting him, having occasion to move a cow from one stall to another, picked her up and lifted her over the dividing partition. She weighed over 1,000 pounds.

A member of congress, who shall be nameless, received some time ago a handsome pumpkin from one of his constituents. The gift was made in a spirit of irony, however, as the note accompanying it said: I send you the best pumpkin in my garden. As it's got more brains than you've got, it may be some help to you this winter and the Lord knows you need it."

Even after fifty years of service Fire Chief Swenie, of Chicago prefers the excitement of a lively blaze to cushioned and comfortable pleasures. No more remarkable evidence of the nature of the man has ever been given than the happenings of Monday night, when the sturdy old fire-fighter spent the chilly hours beside a "4-11" in a lumber yard, while in the city council speeches were being made to do him honor, and his portrait was being presented to the city.

Augustus St. Gaudens, the eminent American sculptor, who has been elected correspondent in the sculpture section of the Academie des Beaux Arts of France, is still a very young man. He is a graduate of the Cooper Union Art school in New York and studied in Paris and in Rome. He was born in Dublin of French and Irish parentage, but was brought to the United States when an infant. He made the Farragut statue in New York and designed the medal for the world's fair.

There seems to be some likelihood that a Pacific cable will be laid from San Francisco to Honolulu, Guam and Manila. Congressman Corliss has reintroduced his cable bill, which is to be strongly supported and pushed through as soon as possible. A commission, under the direction to President McKinley, will attend to the construction of the cable, which if completed within a year, will be made in the United States and laid by American ships. By the time the work has been carried on a growing Philippine trade should speedily recoup the government for its initial outlay. There is little fear that another Dewey will ever be under the necessity of cutting this cable.

At the convening of congress on Monday, Representative Harmer of Pennsylvania, the father of the house, looking pale and weary, appeared before the clerk's desk to administer the oath. He left a sick bed in Philadelphia to perform this service, and had to be supported by John Chauncey the same man who used to carry around in his arms another even more famous Pennsylvanian—Thaddeus Stevens, the great commoner, as his admirers called him. Stevens was paralyzed, and could not walk. He had the use of his arms and his head but his legs went back on him; and so John Chauncey carried him about, and attended him night and day as a nurse attends a baby, and managed to keep the feeble flame of his life alive much longer than nature intended.

One day toward the end of Mr. Stevens' life, as the stalwart and faithful Chauncey placed him tenderly in his chair on the floor of the house, his expressive eyes rested affectionately upon his servant as he remarked, with a humor that could not be extinguished by his sufferings, "John," said he, "I wonder who I can get to carry me when you are dead."

Woodmen in Macon County. There are eighteen camps of Modern Woodmen in the county of Macon with a total membership of 180 and every one of them is interested in the approach of the annual election which will occur in all of the camps some time during the present month greater interest than usual is felt in the election for clerk in Easterly camp 1626 of this city, which occurs on December 13. There are candidates for all the offices but the interest center in the contest for clerk with U. S. Gile and H. W. Richards in the field as candidates for the honor. The salary of \$300 per annum adds additional interest in the fight which is being waged in a friendly spirit by the friends of the rival candidates. Blue Mound camp will take in a lot of new member at the regular meeting which will be held tonight.

A deputy is to be sent into Milan township in the near future to organize a camp in that township which at the present time is the only township in the county which has not a camp of Woodmen.

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Daily Market Letter.

Received over private wire by Decatur Commission company.

Chicago, Dec. 6 Wheat—Liverpool 1/4 higher, London 1/4 higher. Paris wheat 15 to 20 higher, flour 35 higher Antwerp unchanged.

Official British crop 66,529,000. Liverpool cabled "Argentine prospects splendid as to quality and quantity. Harvest begun."

A Liverpool house who have been very correct predict that the Argentine crop now going to harvest will not be as large as last year.

Primary receipts 790,000, shipments 245,000. Light receipts in Northwest are reported due to the unwillingness of farmers to sell at fifty cents bushel while they are paying from 25 to 100 per cent over last year for commodities, including lumber and agricultural implements. There is an improved demand for flour in Minneapolis.

Clearances 586,000. We confirm 15 loads for export here and at the seaboard. 100,000 reported sold for export here and a good milling demand exists in the southwest. There were European buying orders in the market today for the deferred futures, while commission houses were active on the buying side. The advance was due to strength abroad and a marked decrease in the receipts. A good sized decrease was looked for in the world's visible but when posted increased 1,390,000 it proved a disappointment and led up to liberal selling. Profit taking was quite noticeable and it was very commendable. Closing values were at the lowest of the day. On any further decline it will again be in order to make purchases.

Coru—Liverpool 3-8 higher. World's visible increased 61,000 clearances 955,000. We confirm 20 loads for export. Receipts have been light, but may increase some as country acceptances are more liberal than they have been of late. The market fell off in sympathy with wheat. On weak spots we favor purchases.

Oats—Oats moved within narrow limits. There was a little commission house selling.

Provisions.—Hogs were higher. Liverpool bacon 10 higher. There was quite an active demand for product, with Cudahy brokers the most prominent buyers. Packers and the English houses made liberal sales, on which the market reacted. On all fair recessions purchases should be made.

THE MARKET REPORT.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 6.

Grain and Provisions.

St. Louis—Flour—Patents, \$3.50-3.51; other grades, \$2.75-3.25. Wheat—No. 2, \$1.00-1.01; No. 3, \$0.98-0.99. Oats—No. 2, \$0.40-0.41; No. 3, \$0.38-0.39. Timothy, \$0.00-0.01; choice clover, \$0.00-0.01; Butter—Creamery, 24-25; country, 20-22. Eggs—Fresh, 16-17; Lard—Prime steam, \$0.00-0.01; Pork—New mess, \$10.00-10.50; Bacon—Clear rib, \$0.00-0.01; Tub-washed, 24-25; Missouri and Illinois medium combing, 25; other grades, 18-21.

Chicago—Closing quotations: Wheat—December, 62c; May, 64c; July, 65c; Corn—December, 23c; May, 24c; July, 25c; Oats—December, 21c; May, 22c; July, 23c; Beans—December, 35c; May, 36c; July, 37c; Pork—December, \$10.00; May, \$10.50; July, \$11.00.

Live Stock Market. St. Louis—Cattle—Fancy export, \$5.00-5.50; butchers, \$4.50-5.00; stockers, \$3.50-4.00. Hogs—Cows and heifers, \$2.50-3.00. Pigs—Packing, \$3.00-3.50; butchers, \$3.50-4.00; light, \$3.00-3.50. Sheep—Native, \$2.00-2.50; foreign, \$1.50-2.00.

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Kansas City—Cattle—Native steers, \$3.00-3.50; Texas steers, \$2.50-3.00. Hogs—Cows and heifers, \$2.50-3.00. Pigs—Packing, \$3.00-3.50; butchers, \$3.50-4.00; light, \$3.00-3.50. Sheep—Native, \$2.00-2.50; foreign, \$1.50-2.00.

Cotton. Quotations for middling range as follows: St. Louis, 12c; New York, 12c; Memphis, 12c.

Financial. New York, Dec. 6. Money on call firm at 10 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent; sterling exchange firm with actual business in bankers' bills at 40c; 40c for demand and at 41c for 60 days; sixty days' postal rates, 42c and 43c; commercial bills, 45c; silver certificates, 40c; gold, 40c; Mexican dollars, 40c; Government bonds easier.

Heavy Snow at the East. Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 6.—Fully 12 inches of snow has fallen here since Tuesday morning. Street car traffic, which was practically abandoned late Tuesday night, has been fully resumed. Chills are all late.

River News. Stations. Gauge. Change in Fall. Pittsburgh, 6.2, -0.3. Cincinnati, 7.2, -0.3. St. Louis, 4.9, -0.1. St. Paul, 3.2, -1.0. Dayton, 3.1, -0.1. Memphis, 2.8, 0.0. Louisville, 4.4, -0.1. Cairo, 6.8, -0.1. New Orleans, 2.6, 0.7.

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BERLIN'S CLEAN STREETS.

They Are Given As Much Care As Many Kitchen Floors.

Bicyclists who have ridden much on the asphalt streets of German cities say that the tendency to "side slip" is there much less marked than on similar pavements in this country. The explanation of this fact may possibly lie in the statement which is made by the American consul at Breslau that the asphalt streets in that city are regularly washed, the purpose of the washing being to remove the slime which the asphalt seems to leave and to keep the street from being slippery. The washing has the further effect of preserving and hardening the asphalt. The care taken of the asphalt by the city authorities contrasts strongly with the methods usually adopted in the United States.

For instance, the space in front of the consulate is divided into four squares, which are in charge of one man. After cleaning the street early in the morning he wheels out a barrow load of very fine, sharp sand and scatters it lightly over the streets to prevent slipping. On rainy days the process is repeated several times. Once a week the whole street is sluiced and thoroughly washed with sprinkling carts. These are followed by ample roller brushes, which sweep the water and slime into the gutter, whence it is carted away. After this the man who has charge of the street comes along with his wheelbarrow and sand sprinkler. In spring or autumn, when the streets are often sloppy and wet, the washing is done several times during the week.

The man in charge of the asphalt pavement is paid 5 cents an hour, the ordinary street hands receiving 4 cents. Nobody litters up the street or puts sweepings on the pavement. There is a box kept for these. Wire baskets are fastened on lampposts, against houses, fences, or trees, in which the public may throw waste paper while walking along. The citizens are very proud of their clean and sweet-smelling streets, and the householders have to sweep to the center of the street in front of their sidewalks every morning before 6 o'clock. The litter is piled up and soon the city teams cart it away.—Boston Transcript.

A Cool Man.

"Who impressed you as the coolest man you ever saw?" was asked of the former band leader, who escaped from the west and now lives a quiet life in Detroit, according to the Detroit Free Press.

"Well, this fellow I'm going to tell you about was the sheriff. According to the story, he had been on the track of a big gang of counterfeiters for months. Now the sheriff and the head of this gang were in love with the same girl, and she, not knowing what a smooth and oily villain he was, showed a preference for the counterfeiter. One afternoon he took her out for a drive. They were held up by a tough-looking lot of ruffians, who were really acting under orders from their chief, and taken as prisoners to the shanty of the counterfeiters in the mountains.

"But the sheriff had suspected treachery, and shadowed the couple from the time they left the city. He managed to show himself to the girl as she looked from a little window, and she knew her business. Half an hour later, while the gang were in the midst of a noisy drinking bout, the sheriff sprang into the room with a revolver in either hand and ordered all hands up. There was the sharp click of a half-dozen guns, but he stood unmoved. The girl had shyly withdrawn all the cartridges, he captured the whole outfit, and, of course, married the heroine. But as he stood there, facing those fierce and lawless men, he was the coolest I ever saw.

"What were you doing in such a place?"

"Oh, didn't I mention it? That all happened on the old open-house stage at Leadville."

Beautiful Old Nara.

We went through Nara, a beautiful old town that was the capital of Japan 1,000 years ago but has now the gloomy quiet of a sleepy cathedral city, says Travel.

Every place in the world, like every man and every woman, has an individuality. And the individuality of Nara is like that of a beautiful-souled man who has grown old yet whom the cares of the world have never troubled, and whose wrinkled countenance has ever a serene smile. That's Nara. Civilization has not made it conventional and staid. The tourist slips it in his rambles. It is old Japan in loveliness.

It was a holy day in the Shinto religion when we were there, and every child born that day was counted a year older than a child born the day before or the next day. Thousands of pilgrims had come to visit the shrines. There were gaunt-checked old men in octagonal-shaped hats and long gray silk robes holding on their staffs from temple to temple. Shaven-headed, yellow-robed Buddhist priests walked with solemn men through the silent avenues. Bunches of Japanese maidens, winsome to look upon, hobbled on tiny clogs, their arms about one another's shoulders. The trees arched long branches over the path, and from the knee-deep bracken came jumping the deer, long-horned bucks and soft-eyed does, running unafraid and pushing their nostrils into one's hand sniffing for cakes. The deer live friendly with mankind. They roam in the woods and lanes by day. At sundown there is a bugle call, and they come with sprightly leap for the evening's meal and shelter in the stockade.

Joy Around the Board.

"I attended a strawberry festival last night."

"Where was it?"

"At our boarding house; at dinner the landlady gave us two big dishes apiece."—Detroit Free Press.

MINISTER JUDGED CAKEWALK

He Was Quite Familiar With Rag-Time Music Only.

Coney Island, the city of shingle palaces by the sea, had a real shock on Tuesday night. Perhaps it would be more correct to say on Wednesday morning, as it was long after midnight.

It was a spectacle of a clergyman—judging from his attire—acting as referee at a genuine concert-hall cake walk and "rag-time" dance. He was the man who was Rev. Charles William de Lyon Nichols, but who threw up his orders and his belief recently when he joined the Catholic church.

He had gone to Coney Island to study vice. He was clad, as usual, in clerical garb—the usual dress of an Episcopalian minister.

Before darkness had set in the former clergyman had received the freedom of Coney Island, and enterprising dance-hall proprietors were tumbling over each other for his patronage.

To all whom he met he confided that he was looking for material for a new novel.

In the "Big Casino" a cake walk and "rag time" dance contest was scheduled to last all night, the prizes being a silver-headed cane for the best "gent" dancer and a silver-mounted belt to the best "lady" dancer, according to the bills. The proprietor, with an eye to business, secured the services of "Rev. Charles William de Lyon Nichols" as referee.

It was midnight before the competition was fairly under way, but the clergyman was on the platform watching with a discerning eye the dancers. As the orchestra played "I Guess I'll Have to Telegraph My Baby" or "If You Ain't Got No Money You Needn't Come Round," the clergyman rubbed his hands with glee.

It happened, however, that the prizes were for the best performers in the cake-walk, the "rag-time" dance merely being an introduction. But Mr. Nichols was not aware of this, and he paid little attention to the cake-walk when it was "spelled off." His mind being filled with the "graceful" gyrations of the "rag-time" dancers.

It was 1 a. m. when the contest wound up, and it came time to award the prizes. Then Mr. Nichols advanced to the front to the platform, and, with a neatly-turned little speech, handed over the silver-mounted belt to a plump young woman with blonde hair, who had won his admiration in interpreting the "rag-time" dance. To her partner he handed the silver-mounted cane.

There was a shout of laughter, and then a howl of derision from the rest of the dancers, which caused Mr. Nichols to gaze about him in astonishment.

"Really good! don't you know the difference between a cake-walk and a rag-time?" the crowd shouted.

Then there were angry protests at the decision from the disappointed cake-walkers. Mr. Nichols admitted his ignorance, but it was too late, as the prizes had been awarded.

The boos, yells, and howls of disapproval grew louder, and then the clergyman decided it was getting late and he would better be going. The proprietor thought well of this idea, too, so the former minister went out into the twilight by a rear door.

To pacify the cake-walkers the proprietor had to offer a consolation prize, and the cake-walk was begun over again. This time the prize was awarded to the general satisfaction of all, and the dance broke up.—New York Press.

Wonderful Siberia.

Siberia is a topic which is a good deal in the air just now by reason mainly of the announcement that the czar is carrying into practical effect the project announced some weeks ago of abandoning the convict-settlement system. It has always been the custom, not only in our generation, but for the last 200 years, to regard "Siberia" as an expressive synonym for all that is cruel, pitiless and horrible.

As a matter of fact, however, the real Siberia, so far from being a country of desolation, is as green and fertile a land as Australia. It is doubtful if the Russians have any very definite ideas about the marvelous fertility of this territory, which occupies so large a space on the map of Asia. A man who traveled through the country a few years ago from the Caspian to Vladivostok, by way of Omsk, Tomsk and Irkutsk, was deeply impressed at every point of the journey with the wonderful agricultural possibilities which are latent everywhere.

The soil is of great richness, and the crops, wherever the country is cultivated, are of almost phenomenal abundance. For the most part it has lain so long that its productive power is almost illimitable. The forest tracts are luxuriant and the natural irrigation system magnificent. There is room in Siberia for 20,000,000 of colonists and an abundant living for them all, without drawing upon the equally extensive mineral resources of this wonderful country.

Its Advantage.

Mrs. Homeseeker—"You certainly don't expect anybody to take this house? Why, it sags terribly. The floors all run down hill.

Agent (a smart man)—It was built that way on purpose, mum, to keep peace in the family. Greatest invention of the age, mum.

Mrs. Homeseeker—"Keep peace in the family?"

Agent—Yes, mum, nothing like it. Whenever your husband drops his collar studs he'll always know where to find 'em.—The Rival.

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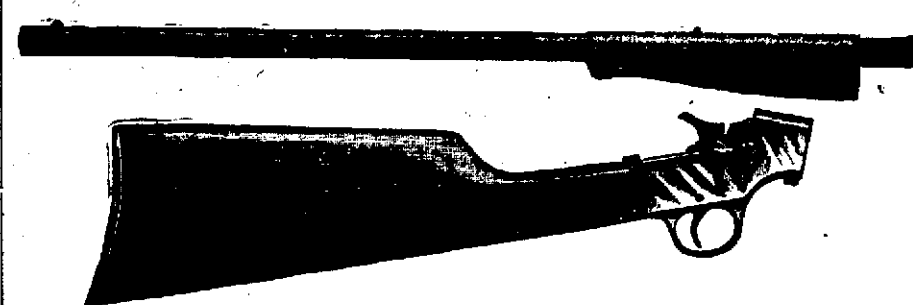
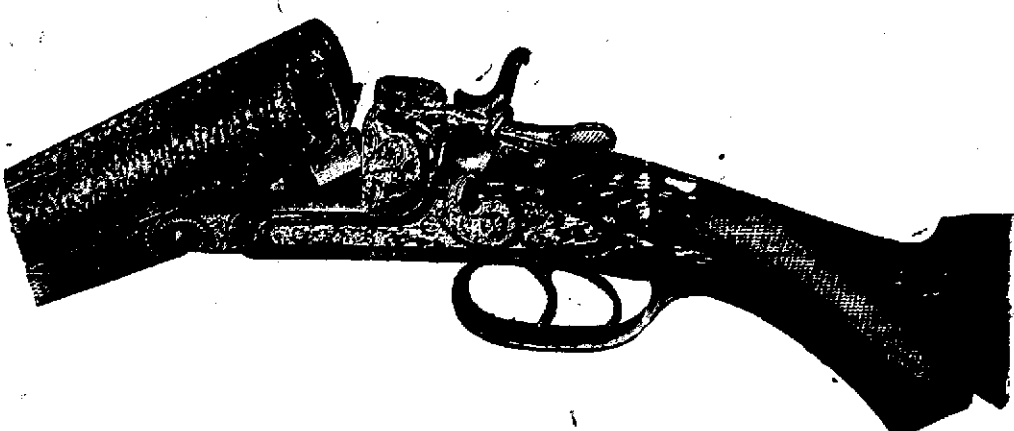
Puffing and blowing are often considered as synonymous terms. You will discover a difference, however, if, instead of puffing a man up, you should blow him up.—Spare Moments.

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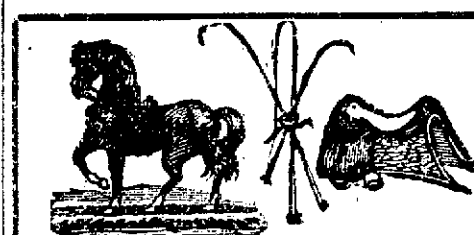
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—Youth's Companion.

QUEER BOYS OF ZULULAND.

They Chase Monkeys for Work and Hunt Birds for Fun.

At the same time that our boys are started for the school, often feeling very much injured because the day is bright and they would rather play football, the Zulu boy, without any breakfast, is sent out into his father's field, where the crops are growing. The work assigned to him there does not in the least resemble any chores that a boy might find to do here, for it consists in chasing away the monkeys and baboons which come out of the forest and prow about with designs on the ripening pumpkins and other fruits. This is lively work, for monkeys are notably quick in their movements and unless the youngsters are on the alert the monkeys pounce upon their booty and carry it away under the boys' noses.

At other times of the year it is not the baboons but the birds that must be kept from the ripening grain. After a morning of such lively exercise the boys are ravenous for their noon meal, the first food that is given them during the day, for they only eat twice in twenty-four hours and not so much as an afternoon tea between times.

The whole aim of a Zulu boy's training is to make him a dauntless and victorious warrior. This being the case, the most important of their games is one in which they learn to throw sharpened sticks with skill. It is played as follows: One of their number ascends a small hill while the others, with their sticks in their hands, range themselves in a row down the side. The lad at the top then throws past the boys with all his force the huge, soft bulb of a large African lily. This bulb is a foot in diameter, and as it goes by the first boy he flings his stick at it. If he fails to pierce it, the next boy, quick as lightning, tries to do so, and if he fails, the next comes in and so on until one of them has hit his stick into the heart of the bulb, and as a reward he is allowed to take his place in the line, displacing the boy who hit him.

Though they consider it a great handicap to be obliged to chase the birds from their father's crops, the boys will pursue them from bush to bush and from tree to tree, until they actually tire their game out, when they knock the birds on the head and kill them. If a Zulu boy were told to put salt on a bird's tail he would not find it such a very difficult feat.

When the young Zulu has become tired or heated from other sports he runs to the nearest river, into which he dives. It is not necessary for him to strip to take off his clothes, because he never wears any, and at such a time he must find it very convenient. Zulu boys have been in the water so much from their very infancy that they seem almost as much at home in it as the fish themselves. Many of the best swimmers in swimming differ greatly from ours, and they are able to make headway against the swiftest and strongest river currents. This is very noteworthy, because the South African rivers all flow swiftly and there are few opportunities for still-water bathing.

They are especially proud of the length of time that they are able to remain underneath the water, and they learn to swim with their shoulders. They do not use their arms at all, but simply call into play the powerful muscles of their little backs.

—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Youth's Ambition in Mexico.
In Mexico it is the ambition of every young man to become a bull-fighter. In these days boys there mimic the bull-fighters. They use their staves as lances, sticks as pikes, and a dot piece of wool as a sword. One boy acts as the bull and the others act the parts of the picadores, banderilleros and matadores. When they are called to participate in amateur bull-fights, in the country towns these are common. Blooded bulls are used, but the horns are sawed off, and the lads, rigged out in all the finery of a real matadore, enter the ring, tease the bull, and carry out all the performances except the slaughter. The Government forbids that. At these amateur fights often one of the lads is injured. If he recovers he is a hero; if he dies—oh, well, he was brave.—Augusta Chronicle.

"Uncle, which breed of chickens is the best?"
"Well, sah, de white one is de easiest fornd, an' de dark ones is de easiest hid after yo' gits 'em."—Indianapolis Journal.

BARGAIN COLUMN.

NOTICE. All work that has been left before November 1898 must be taken out before January 1, 1899 or it will be sold for charity, and all passage accounts must be paid in full. H. L. Shieff, the watchmaker.—dlw.

WANTED. A girl to do general house work. German preferred. Address 154 north Water street.—dlw.

WANTED. A good, cheap work horse. Call 113 East Eldorado street. J. M. Dougherty.—7 lw.

WANTED. Temperate man to travel and appoint agents Illinois: \$50 monthly and expenses besides commission. Permanent. References: 794-796 Dearborn street, Chicago.

WANTED. A lady, old or young to take care of a little store. Must have good references. Call on W. L. Wamsley, 125 East Main. Morning News.—dlw.

FOR RENT. Five room house with good furniture, west part of city. Enquire W. P. office.

A FIRST CLASS. Blacks with rent, in the part of the city. For further particulars, call on W. L. Wamsley, 125 East Main. New telephone 575.

DR. J. S. KING, after sixteen months service as Surgeon U. S. Army, has resumed practice at Decatur. Office and residence, Opera House Block, opposite Brunswick hotel, where he will be pleased to see his old and new friends and patrons. New telephone No. 530.

\$5.00 PANTS. Samuel Wood the North Water street Tailor has some more of those \$5 pants. They are bargains. All stock will be positively closed out by Dec. 30.

FOR SALE. Folding beds, ordinary beds, cook and heating stoves, carpets, furniture of all kinds. Everything you need in housekeeping, at Meridith's storehouse at 630 Wabash avenue. Prices are right.—m 27-6

FOR RENT. A room cottage with well and cistern, to the right party for \$4 per month, one other large house also for rent cheap. Mrs. James Kaefer, 1624 St. Louis Ave., n 27-6

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MONEY. We loan upon real estate and bankable notes at current rates. If you are in need of money for any purpose, come to us. We will loan you the money you need. We loan on city property, on farms, on notes, on bonds, on stocks, on all kinds of security. Call on us. We will loan you the money you need. Open from 9 a. m. to 8 p. m.

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Divorce Notice.
STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss.
County of Macon.
In the Circuit Court of said county, January term, A. D. 1899.
Anna M. Mallette vs. Charles E. Mallette, divorce.
An affidavit having been filed in the office of the Circuit clerk of said court, showing that the residence of the said Charles E. Mallette, defendant in the above entitled cause, is unknown. Now therefore the said Charles E. Mallette are hereby notified that a suit entered as above has been commenced and is now pending against you in said court, and that summons has been issued therein on the first day of the next January term thereof, to be held at the Court House in Decatur on the second Monday of January A. D. 1899. Now unless you the said Charles E. Mallette appear on the first day of said term of said court, and answer and defend the said bill of complaint, the same will be taken as confessed against you and a decree rendered according to the prayer thereof.
Dated this 6th day of December, A. D. 1898.
D. L. Foster, Clerk.
James M. Borebers, Complainant's Solicitor.

Administrator's Notice.
Estate of Ellen W. Freeman, deceased.
The undersigned, having been appointed Administrator of the estate of Ellen W. Freeman, deceased, of the County of Macon and State of Illinois, hereby gives notice that he will accept of the said County Court of Macon County at the Court House in Decatur, at the January term of said court, on the first Monday of January next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Dated this 7th day of December, 1898.
JOHN B. FREEMAN, Administrator.

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MASTER IN CHANCERY'S SALE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss.
County of Macon.
In the Circuit Court, in Chancery No. 17398, Be' John Schaefer, et al, Complainants, vs. William A. Schaefer, et al, Defendants.
Public notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Macon County, in the State of Illinois, in the above entitled cause at the October term of said Court A. D. 1898, I, James J. Finn, Master in Chancery of said court, will on Saturday, December 18, 1898, at the hour of 2 o'clock P. M., at the North door of the Court House on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said County, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to wit: South half of the south west quarter of section 24 township 13 north range 1 east of the 3rd principal meridian in Macon county Illinois.
Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 23rd day of November A. D. 1898.
James J. Finn, Master in Chancery.
Redmond & Hogan, complainant's solicitors.

MASTER IN CHANCERY'S SALE.
STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss.
County of Macon.
In the Circuit Court, in Chancery No. 17373, Mary E. Rockwell vs. George Hunter et al.
Public notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Macon County, in the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the October term of said Court A. D. 1898, I, James J. Finn, Master in Chancery of said court, will on Saturday, December 18, 1898, at the hour of 2 o'clock P. M., at the North door of the Court House on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said County, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to wit: Lot thirteen (13) in block three (3) in Montgomery & Shull's addition to the City of Decatur, in Macon County of Illinois.
Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 23rd day of November A. D. 1898.
James J. Finn, Master in Chancery.
Bunn & Park complainant's solicitors.

Master in Chancery's Sale
STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss.
County of Macon.
In the Circuit Court.
J. Frank H. Hays, Complainant, vs. Francis A. Holiday et al, Defendants. In Chancery 17392.
Public notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Macon County, in the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the October term of said Court A. D. 1898, I, James J. Finn, Master in Chancery of said court, will on Tuesday, the 26th day of December, 1898, at the hour of 2 o'clock P. M., at the North door of the Court House on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said County, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to wit: South half of the north side of lot seven (7), block two (2) of Lake and Co.'s addition of lots to the City of Decatur in Macon County, Illinois.
Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 4th day of December, A. D. 1898.
JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
OUTTEN & ROBY, Complainant's Solicitors.

Master in Chancery's Sale.
STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss.
County of Macon.
In the Circuit Court.
The Savings Fund Building Association, Complainant, vs. John B. Fritz et al, Defendants. In the Circuit Court, in Chancery No. 17393.
Public notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Macon County, in the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the October term of said Court A. D. 1898, I, James J. Finn, Master in Chancery of said court, will on Tuesday, December 20, 1898, at the hour of 2 o'clock P. M., at the North door of the Court House on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said County, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to wit: Lot thirteen (13) in block three (3) of Allen McFadyen's addition to the City of Decatur in Macon County, Illinois.
Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 4th day of December, A. D. 1898.
JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
OUTTEN & ROBY, Complainant's Solicitors.

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CEN. YOUNG HEARD FROM.

Gen. Otis Cables That the Missing General Arrived at Vigan on Tuesday Evening.

HE STRUCK THE ENEMY AT NARBACAN.

They Were Driven Eastward Into San Quentin Canyon, and the Troops Are Pressing Them Back Over a Rough Country that is Strongly Intrenched.

Washington, Dec. 7.—To the relief of the war department, Gen. Young has been heard from after a week's absence in the interior of Luzon. Gen. Otis cabled as follows:

"Manila, Dec. 7.—Secretary of War Washington: Gen. Young reports his arrival at Vigan on the evening of the 5th, having encountered a force of the enemy at Narbacan, 12 miles south of the city, whom he drove to the eastward of the same into San Quentin canyon. His troops are now pressing them back. The country is extremely rough and strongly intrenched. About 600 prisoners, who escaped, reported that the insurgents allowed all but the Americans and prominent Spanish prisoners to escape from Bangued. Later the insurgents were driven back into the mountains. Will send transportation with subsistence and medical supplies to Vigan to-morrow, to bring the prisoners to Manila and to supply Young's troops with necessary quartermaster's stores.

Our casualties were one killed and 12 wounded, wounds mostly slight. The enemy left in the trenches 25 dead, a few rifles, several thousand rounds of small ammunition and 40 shrapnel. Young has sufficient troops to meet all difficulties.

"OTIS"

The Situation in Luzon.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Gen. Otis has cabled the war department as follows respecting the military situation in Luzon:

"Manila, Dec. 7.—In central Luzon there is no insurgent force of importance except in Bulacan province, near the mountains, where Gen. Pilar holds together 1,000 or more men, which will be attacked soon. Gen. Grant has moved a small column down the east coast of Bulacan province, encountering little opposition. A column moving westward toward the mountains is expected to reach the western coast of Luzon on the 10th inst. Many small insurgent armed bands are in the country robbing, and in some instances murdering the inhabitants, which are being pursued by troops quite successfully.

"To the south of Manila, the insurgents still maintain their positions, but the necessary force to scatter them will be sent there soon."

Mutiny of Native Police in Negros

Manila, Dec. 7, 7:30 p. m.—There has been a mutiny of native police in one of the towns of the island of Negros. An American officer was killed. No particulars have yet been received.

DISCOVERED BY KILLDUFF.

A Young New Yorker Who, the Police Thought, Was Too Industrious in Discovering Fires.

New York, Dec. 7.—Edward Killduff, 29 years of age, has been arrested on a charge of arson.

There was a fire two hours earlier at 754 Eighth avenue. A bundle of newspapers had been placed in the lower hallway and set on fire. Killduff "discovered" the blaze, turned in an alarm and roused the tenants. One hour later there was another alarm at 762. Two piles of papers had been placed in the hallway and were burning fiercely when Killduff called a policeman.

The policeman recalled that Killduff had sent in the alarm for the first fire and arrested him. Killduff denied that he knew anything of the origin of the other fire.

AS VIEWED IN RUSSIA.

Comment on President McKinley's Alliance Attitudes by the Novoe Vremya.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 7.—The Novoe Vremya, commenting upon President McKinley's message to congress, says: "The statement that the United States declines all alliances serves as a reply to Mr. Chamberlain. Great Britain's feelings of kinship with the United States will last as long as it is to the advantage of England. The present feeling of kinship is one of the most singular episodes in contemporary history."

To Hear the Quay Case.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The senate committee on privileges and elections arranged the preliminaries for the consideration of the protests against Senator Quay, Chase and Scott. In the Quay case it was decided to hear counsel, on Saturday, the 15th inst., and that the hearing should be concluded on that date. Only legal questions are involved in this case.

OTHERWISE UNNOTICED.

The Boers besieging Ladysmith seem to take especial delight in throwing their long-range shells into the British hospital, which is almost in ruins.

A Frankfort (Ky.) dispatch of Wednesday night tells of seven deaths by personal violence in that state within six hours.

In a sortie from Kimberley, Maj. Scott-Turner and a lieutenant were killed, a captain and two lieutenants were wounded, while the losses among the British non-commissioned officers and men were 20 killed and 28 wounded.

The postmasters of Illinois have perfected a state organization. The senate confirmed the nomination of Elihu B. Root to be secretary of war.

The Mountain Valley Spring hotel, 11 miles from Hot Springs, Ark., was burned Wednesday. The guests escaped.

Arnold Tschesmidt, the defaulting cashier in the internal revenue office at St. Louis, has been released on bond. A man living near New Haven, Conn., is building an ark. He believes that the country will be destroyed by flood next summer.

Express Messenger R. F. Stout was killed at Tipton, Mo., by the sudden stopping of his train while he was looking out the car door. The heavy door closed and crushed his head.

The caucus of house republicans unanimously approved the currency bill and recommended its immediate passage. Two minor amendments were adopted.

Among the resolutions introduced in the senate was one to make polygamy a crime and another to extend sympathy to the Boers in their war with Great Britain.

The Salvation army at St. Louis is preparing to give a Christmas dinner to at least 5,000 persons, who would otherwise go hungry. Plans for the dinner are practically completed.

The jury at El Reno, Okla., in the Fred Jones murder case, rendered a verdict of manslaughter in the first degree. Jones killed City Marshal Jackson in Oklahoma City two years ago.

H. B. Wycker was killed at his home in Winston county, Miss. This is a continuation of the Johnson killings, and makes four white men and two negroes who have been killed in the feud.

A seat in the New York stock exchange was sold Wednesday night, for \$40,000, the highest price ever paid.

The grand jury at St. Louis has returned three new indictments, charging manslaughter in the first degree, against Mrs. Henrietta Bamberger, the midwife, in place of the three which were quashed on a technicality.

The pope is suffering from a sudden cold, and experiences some difficulty in breathing. Dr. Lappenti, his physician, has ordered him to remain in bed.

It is reported from Cape Town that the Transvaal government still refuses to acknowledge the right of the United States to interfere regarding prisoners in Pretoria.

Cavite province, Luzon, will be the seat of an active campaign when enough troops arrive to shut off all avenues of escape, unless an unexpected surrender occurs.

The four congressmen from Nebraska ask Gov. Paynter to appoint former Senator Allen to the seat in the senate made vacant by the death of Senator Hayard.

Illigent Geronimo, the St. Louis courier (Mo.) horse thief, was detected in ambush waiting to kill his jailer at Clayton and escape. He and other prisoners were at once taken to the penitentiary.

The question whether Congressmen-elect Roberts will be entitled to pay pending the investigation of charges against him will come up when the speaker issues salary certificates on January 1.

CASE OF FREDERICK T. MOORE.

Chili Grants the United States Until December 25 to Establish Its Claim to the Prisoner.

Santiago, De Chili, Dec. 7, via Galveston.—The senate court has confirmed the decision of a lower court allowing the United States forty days, the time expiring December 25, in which to present documents to prove the identity and guilt of Frederick T. Moore, arrested here on the charge of embezzling \$5,000 from the National Bank of Commerce, Boston, Mass.

BODY OF A MURDERED MAN.

Suspicious Facts Point to a Cousin of the Murdered Man and Two Others as the Murderers.

Norwich, Conn., Dec. 7.—The body of a murdered man has been found in the shoe shop of Giuseppe Silva, in Greenville. The head had been crushed.

Silva and two of his friends have been missing since Thanksgiving day. The body was identified later as that of John's cousin, Giuseppe De Angelis, 40 years old, a laborer. He had a good record, and with him when he went to dine with Silva at Thanksgiving.

Passed the Third Reading.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—The Reichstag passed the third reading of the bill repealing the law prohibiting workmen's associations.

EXPLOSION OF GASOLINE.

The Nolde & Horst Hosiery Mill at Reading, Pa., Set on Fire and Destroyed.

TWO KNOWN DEAD AND THREE MISSING.

Six Hundred Girls Were Employed in the Mill, and Many of Them Received Serious Injuries in Making Their Escape From the Burning Building.

Reading, Pa., Dec. 7.—An explosion of gasoline in the singing room of the Nolde & Horst hosiery factory set fire to the building, and the plant was completely destroyed. It was valued at \$250,000, on which there is an insurance of \$150,000. There were about 600 girls in the building, and these crowded to the roof and fire escapes. The fire spread with alarming rapidity, and they were thrown into a general panic. Many jumped to the ground, and it is said at least 50 were injured. Some are reported to be in a critical condition.

At 2:30 p. m. two bodies were recovered from the ruins. They were unrecognizable, being burned to a crisp. Three girls are reported missing from their homes, and the presumption is that they were burned to death.

CUBANS AT TAMPA EXCITED.

They are Incendiary in Their Language Regarding the American Occupation of Cuba.

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 7.—Cubans here are much excited over several speeches which were made in cigar factories by Cubans whose names will not be revealed. The speakers were bitter and incendiary in their language regarding the American occupation of Cuba and advocated the use of force and dynamite to rid the island of all Americans.

There are several thousand Cubans in Tampa, and it is believed these orators have come from Cuba to excite the colony and to raise money largely to carry out some plan of insurrection.

New York, Dec. 7.—The contest of the will of ex-Judge Henry Hilton, instituted by his son Henry C. Hilton, who was cut off with the interest of \$50,000, which he was to share with his wife, has been abandoned, a settlement having been effected with the other heirs.

General Increase in Wages.

Lewiston, Me., Dec. 7.—The mills of this state will grant the general increase in wages now being arranged in cotton manufacturing towns of New England. Notices of a ten per cent. advance are being posted gradually through the cotton districts of Maine.

French Favorably Impressed.

New York, Dec. 7.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Paris says: Nearly all the Paris papers accord the place of honor on their front pages to comments on President McKinley's message, which has caused a most favorable and friendly impression.

Flood in the Stuck River Valley.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 7.—Practically the whole of the Stuck River Valley is one vast sheet of water. The water itself is in a raging flood, destroying acres of the most productive land in the state, and threatening some substantial buildings.

Amalgamated Meat Cutters.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—The convention of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen association took up the subject of the wage scale, and nearly the entire session was devoted to its discussion. Final action was deferred until Friday.

Nominations Confirmed.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The senate, in executive session, confirmed the following appointments: Joseph E. Fifer, of Illinois, to be a commissioner of interstate commerce; Frederick W. Miles, of Illinois, to be assistant director of the census.

In Secret Session.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—City coal operators from all parts of the state met in secret session here to discuss plans for the joint conference of employers and miners to be held at Indianapolis in January.

In a Dangerous Condition.

Racine, Wis., Dec. 7.—Rev. David B. Cheney, pastor of the First Baptist church, who was shot by a burglar at his home, Wednesday, is lying in a dangerous condition with a bullet in his breast and another in his left groin. Mrs. Cheney may recover.

Charged With Robbing Hotels.

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—Win. Marvin and his wife, both stylishly dressed, have been arrested and lodged in the city prison, charged with robbing several hotels of valuable articles. A satchel filled with valuable jewelry was found in Marvin's possession.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

All Reported Quiet by the Boers Except at Kimberley—The Tugela Bridge Ruined.

Pretoria, Wednesday, Dec. 6.—Official dispatches received here from the different Boer forces say all is quiet except at Kimberley, where an armored train made a sortie this morning.

The Orange Free State has proclaimed the annexation of Dordrecht, about fifty miles north of Queenstown, Cape Colony.

The Tugela bridge, it is also announced, is so completely ruined that it will be a work of great magnitude for either belligerents to restore it. The British fired on some republican scouts, south of the Tugela, this morning. There were no casualties.

A newspaper correspondent named Lynch, who entered the Boer lines at Ladysmith, on Monday, with the alleged purpose of exchanging newspapers, has been made a prisoner, and will be brought back to Pretoria.

In Communication with Kimberley.

London, Dec. 7.—The war office here has received the following message from Gen. Forestier-Walker, the British commander at Cape Town: Wednesday, Dec. 6.—Gen. Methuen wires to-day that he has resumed command, and is nightly in communication with Kimberley. The health of the troops is excellent.

President Steyn at the Front.

London, Dec. 7.—The announcement is made in a special dispatch from Bloemfontein, dated Sunday, December 3, that President Steyn of the Orange Free State has joined the Boer forces of the Modder river. His appearance, the dispatch says, caused great enthusiasm among the Boers.

Gen. Clerly's Intentions.

New York, Dec. 7.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: Gen. Clerly is gradually preparing to turn the Boer position at Colenso and relieve Ladysmith, while Lord Methuen holds Gen. Croagie's forces at Spytfontein and Jacobsdale, and Gen. Gatacre is playing with the Free States riders among the Dutch villages of the disaffected district of Cape Colony.

RELIC SEEKERS NUMEROUS.

Mementoes of the Maysville (Ky.) Horror in Demand by Relic Hunters.

Maysville, Ky., Dec. 7.—There were many visitors to the cricket grounds, where Richard Coleman, colored, the assailant and murderer of Mrs. James Lashbrooke, was tortured and burned to death Wednesday. There is a craze among the visitors for relics. The tree has been cut up, and even the embers and other charred articles have been gathered up. After the coroner rendered a verdict, Wednesday night, of "death at the hands of unknown persons," the ashes of Coleman's body were placed in a tin can. The body was reduced to ashes with the exception of a small part of the skull and two other small pieces of bone. At the request of Coleman's mother, who is employed as a domestic here, the coroner buried the can of ashes in a potter's field. The city and surrounding country is quiet. Judge Hargis adjourned court until Monday so that there would be no occasion for crowds about the courthouse or elsewhere, and it is intimated that the court is considering plans for the apprehension of the leaders in the mob. The people here are congratulating themselves that the governor was unable to get the militia here in time to assist the sheriff and his deputies.

The belief is expressed generally that the grand jury will not attempt to make indictments.

"If you honors will permit," said Judge Hargis, concluding, "I will close by reading, as I am so tired that I have not sufficient energy left to give their dues to this crowd of criminals." (Shaking his hand toward the republican attorneys.) It would take me a week to read their title clear to mansions below."

Judge Hargis concluded at 12:18, having spoken for three hours. Judge Pryor announced that the board would take the arguments under advisement, and make their decision known Friday or Saturday.

Relieved as Indian Agent.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Maj. Albert E. Woodson, Ninth United States cavalry, has been relieved from duty as acting Indian agent at the Cheyenne and Arapahoe agency, Oklahoma, and ordered to report by telegraph to the commanding general department of the Colorado, for assignment to a station.

Sentenced to Be Electrocut.

Sandusky, O., Dec. 7.—In the common pleas court here, Judge Buckland overruled the motion for a new trial for David Wingett, an inmate of the soldiers' home here, who recently murdered Frederick Blanche, a farmer who lived near the home, and sentenced Wingett to be electrocuted May 11, 1900.

Alleged Forger Under Arrest.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—The police state that a string of evidence has been completed which shows that Herman Valentine, the alleged hotel swindler, now under arrest in Chicago is one of the most extensive forgers ever been apprehended in this country.

SHORT DAY IN CONGRESS.

Senate Invited to Attend the George Washington Centennial Memorial Services.

DEWEY IS TO DELIVER THE ORATION.

Rights of Certain Senators to Their Seats to Be Investigated—The House Financial Bill to Come Up Monday, Under Special Rule, for Debate.

Senate.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Rev. Stowell L. Bryant, of the Methodist Episcopal church, pronounced the invocation at the opening of the session of the senate.

On motion of Mr. Hale (Me.), it was decided that when the senate adjourn for the day it be until Monday next.

An invitation was extended, through President pro tem Frye, to the senate to attend the George Washington centennial memorial services to be held in this city on Thursday, December 14, under the auspices of the Improved Order of Red Men. Senator Dewey is to deliver the oration upon the occasion.

Mr. Chandler (N. H.) offered resolutions instructing the committee on privileges and elections to investigate the right of Wm. A. Clark, of Montana, and Nathan E. Scott, of West Virginia, to seats in the senate, and to take the testimony. The resolutions were referred to the committee on contingent expenses.

Mr. Perry (Ark.) offered a joint resolution in favor of the election of United States senators by the people, and gave notice that at a later date he would address the senate upon this subject.

At 12:50 p. m. the senate went into executive session, and at 1:05 p. m. adjourned until Monday.

House.

Before the house met the republican and democratic leaders attempted to perfect an agreement for the debate on the financial bill, which is to begin next Monday. But the negotiations failed. The republican leaders then decided to resort to a special rule to be brought in Friday. Mr. Overstreet (Ind.), who is to have charge of the bill, introduced the formal resolution for a special order upon which the committee on rules will act. It provides for the consideration of the bill, beginning on Monday, and continuing until a date to be decided upon by the committee on rules.

Immediately after the reading of the journal, the speaker announced the appointment of the committee on rules.

Upon the motion of Mr. Grosvenor (O.), the resolution was adopted to print 5,000 copies of the opinion of the supreme court in the case of the Adyastone Pipe and Steel Co., et al., appellants, vs. the United States, for the use of the house. This is the anti-trust decision of the supreme court.

Mr. Mercer (Neb.) then announced the death of the late Representative Greene, of Nebraska, and after the adoption of the customary resolution, at 12:55 p. m. as a further mark of respect the house adjourned.

ARGUMENTS CONTINUED.

Judge Hargis Talks for the Democrats Before the Kentucky Board of Election Commissioners.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 7.—Judge Hargis, democrat, opened his argument before the election commissioners with a strong arraignment of the tactics alleged to have been pursued by the republicans in the city of Louisville. He declared that by reason of the militia and United States marshals, who were gathered in the city, the democratic ticket was deprived of 10,000 votes. He declared the conduct of the republicans in Jefferson county was a deliberate and criminal usurpation of power. The judicial acts of Judge Toney in issuing orders of court directed against democratic election officials were also declared to be an unlawful assumption of authority. Judge Hargis then turned his attention to the republican state officials, who had, he declared, filled the streets of Frankfort with "a drunken and lawless mob" on the first day of the meeting of the canvassing board for the purpose of overawing the board in the discharge of its sacred duties.

Commissioner Ellis said to-day there was little probability of a decision of the board being reached before Saturday morning.

FOUND DEAD IN A PASTURE.

George H. Sawyer Killed as the Result of a Runaway Between Denver and Golden, Col.

Golden, Col., Dec. 7.—George F. Sawyer, foreman of the Veto ranch, was found dead in a pasture southeast of Golden. Sawyer drove to Denver, Saturday, for supplies, and while returning his team ran away, throwing him out and so seriously injuring him as to render him helpless. The body was found three days later, frozen stiff, and surrounded by coyotes. Sawyer was about 45 years of age, was well-known in Washington, and his relatives living at Georgetown, D. C.

THE ROBERTS COMMITTEE.

First Session of the Special Committee to Investigate Brigham H. Roberts' Case.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The special committee of the house appointed to investigate the charges against Mr. Roberts, the Mormon representative elect from Utah, held its first meeting behind closed doors. The meeting was called for the purpose of determining the method of procedure in the case. It was presided over by the chairman, Mr. Taylor, of Ohio. All the other members of the committee were present, Messrs. Morris, of Minnesota; Greer, of West Virginia; Littlefield, of Maine; McPherson, of Iowa; Landis, of Indiana, republicans, and DeArmond, of Missouri; Lanham, of Texas, and Miers, of Indiana, democrats. Little progress was made.

TWO SUSPECTS ARRESTED.

Thought They May Have Had a Hand in Shooting Mr. and Mrs. Cheney at Racine, Wis.

Kenosha, Wis., Dec. 7.—Two men, one of whom answers the description of the Racine burglar who shot Rev. D. B. Cheney and his wife, were arrested here and will be taken to Racine. They give their names as James Raymond and Thomas Martin. One of the men carried a revolver. They claim to have just arrived from Harvard, Ill.

THE NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY.

E. Benjamin Andrews, Superintendent of Chicago Schools, Likely to Be Chosen Chancellor.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 7.—A meeting of the board of regents of the Nebraska university is called for next Tuesday, at Lincoln, and it appears likely that a chancellor will be selected to succeed MacLean, who resigned and has gone to Iowa university. While not given out officially, it is understood that E. Benjamin Andrews, superintendent of the Chicago city schools, and formerly president of Brown university, will be the man. It is given out that he has indicated that he will accept if tender is made him. The action, if taken at this meeting, will be with the complete acquiescence of the two regents who take their seats January 1, and is taken at this time in order that the university may not be without a head.

A Welcome Increase.

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 7.—Agent Charles D. McDuffie, of the Manchester cotton mills, has announced that his mills will grant an increase of ten per cent. on December 15. In all, nearly 15,000 hands are affected by the new schedule here, meaning an increase of nearly \$800,000 a year in wages.

Collided With a Lightship.

London, Dec. 7.—The British ship Ardencraig, from San Francisco, July 21, for Leith, collided with the South Goodwin lightship in the English channel in a fog. The light was extinguished, and the lightship's rail was damaged. The injury to the Ardencraig is not known.

Resigned.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 7.—George S. Tyler has tendered his resignation as assistant general freight agent of the Chicago & Alton railroad, to take effect December 31. Mr. Tyler has been with the Alton for 20 years.

A Source of Satisfaction.

New York, Dec. 7.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Considerable satisfaction is felt in official circles at the awakening of Germany to the need of a reciprocity treaty with the United States.

Carlises Will Go to the Coast.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The speaker has appointed the following members as the committee on rules of the house: Mr. Dalzell, of Pennsylvania; and Mr. Grosvenor, of Ohio, republicans, and Mr. Richardson, of Tennessee, and Mr. Bailey, of Texas, democrats. The speaker is also a member of this committee.

To Be Discontinued.

Port Townsend, Wash., Dec. 7.—Special advices from Washington state that the United States revenue branch service, established here four years ago to prevent smuggling from British Columbia into the United States, will be discontinued.

Said to Be an Error.

Washington, Dec. 7.—It is said at the apostolic delegation here that the announcement cabled from Rome of the appointment of Mgr. Sharrett to be bishop of Santiago de Cuba is an error, he having been appointed bishop of Havana.

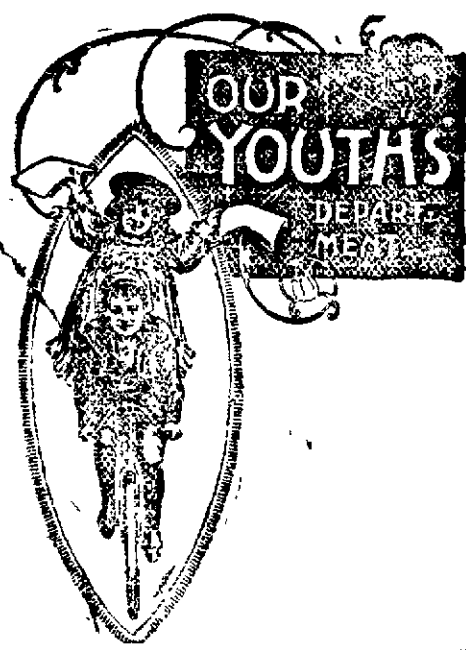
Deserted His Post.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Consul Marum is said to have deserted his post at Pretoria, and the state department is trying to locate him. One of the rumors current is that he has joined the Boers, with whom he is in sympathy, at the front.

River News.

Stations.	Current.	Change.	Rainfall.
Fitchburg	1.2	-0.4	—
Chicago	1.2	-0.4	—
St. Louis	1.5	-0.1	—
St. Paul	2.5	-0.7	.01
Dayton	2.1	-0.1	—
Memphis	2.7	0.1	—
Louisville	1.3	-0.1	—
Cairo	6.6	-0.2	—
New Orleans	2.9	-0.7	—

— Fall. — Trade.



In the Cuirass.

Little Will Gladstones (the ancient form of the family name of the ex-Premier of England) was very anxious to go forth by his father's side and fight in the Scottish army; but, as the boy was of small size and slender stature, the old laird of Manlowe decided that it was far better for him to wait awhile before exposing himself to the English spears. Battle to a knight's son in those days meant very much the same as a successful entry into college does to a boy in our own time. So Will Gladstones was bitterly disappointed when his rough but loving parent said that it was better for him to postpone his entry into the ranks of war.

But little Will, like his illustrious descendant, was not of the kind that can easily be turned aside. In his lonely little room, high up in one of the turrets of Manlowe Peck he set about thinking of some way in which he could elude his father's vigilance and go to the wars in spite of all. But for a long time no idea occurred to him, and it seemed as though he must remain behind after all, when the Gladstones forces marched across the border.

II.

Now it happened that King David II. of Scotland, desiring to conciliate Earl Douglas, had commissioned Gladstone of Manlowe to present to that famous warrior a superb cuirass of polished Milanese armor. This gorgeous piece of ironwork arrived at Manlowe on the day before Gladstones' troop began its march.

Little Will Gladstones was eager to examine this cuirass, and during the night preceding the departure of his father he crept down the winding stair of the castle and stole on tiptoe into the armory. There in the moonlight lay the armor. It was an enormous cuirass—for the Douglas was a giant in size; so large indeed that a small boy like Will Gladstones would have no difficulty in bestowing himself comfortably in its leather-lined interior.

Hearing his father's step on the stairs, Will hastily crawled into the cuirass to escape the parental displeasure. Hardy as he was, when in this novel hiding place when the old laird sounded his bugle, and bade his merry men make ready. Warned by a dream, he resolved to set out under cover of darkness instead of waiting until morning.

Afraid to stir, Will Gladstones heard the men-at-arms bustling about the armory, and presently a horse hide was wrapped about the cuirass intended for Earl Douglas, and the King's gift (with the boy still crouched inside) was lifted from its place and deposited in one of the wagons which were to accompany the forces. Little Will, finding himself thus trapped, felt rather pleased than otherwise. To cry out at that juncture would brand him as a coward, and so he argued his father, while he might pardon him for disobedience in going to the wars would never forgive him for crying craven.

Drawing his dagger from his belt, the boy succeeded in cutting a deep gash in the horsehide. By this means he admitted sufficient air into the interior of the cuirass to save himself from suffocation.

III.

When the laird of Manlowe reached his over-lord's camp, near Hawick, he ordered the horsehide removed from King David's splendid present. What was the astonishment of Earl Douglas, the entire army, and of the laird in particular, when there stepped out of the armor a small boy—no other, indeed, than young Will Gladstones.

"My lord," cried Will's father to the Douglas, who stood smiling at this strange scene, "in this graceless brat you behold my own son. For weeks he has pestered me for leave to come to the wars, but I have ever said him nay."

"And now," put in the Earl, "he hath cleverly outwitted you and come in spite of your prohibition."

"But he shall instantly be sent back."

"Nay, nay, old friend, you cannot send him back. Surely you forget this cuirass and all its contents have just been presented to me in the King's name. I claim this lad as I claim the cuirass. Let him be my page and fight by my side."

The laird threw up his mailed hands in mock despair.

"Have your way, my lord," he exclaimed. "Let the young scamp fight the English, since he came in Douglas' cuirass to do so."

So Will Gladstones fought at Neville's Cross after all, and a stout little warrior he proved.

People who know the stout-hearted "grand old man" of England will find it easy to trace in this historic episode the source of the strength of character and purpose which has made William Gladstone a leader among men and a controlling power in the politics of the world.

NEWSPAPERS BY WEIGHT.

Odd Way in Which American Newspapers Are Sold in Australia.

In Australia, a country that follows American custom very closely, the people have a great desire for American newspapers. Every steamer that arrives from this country brings its full quota of American journals, which are immediately put on sale. One day says a writer, I was in Adelaide, South Australia, and I went into a store to buy the Sunday edition of a New York paper. The dealer took one, placed it on the scales, which he scanned very closely, and then said: "Eighteen pence" (36 cents).

"That costs about one-eighth as much in New York," I said.

"Can't help that," answered the dealer. "These 'ere papers is massive. They contain lots of good paper, and we got to sell 'em by weight."

"Have you any cheaper?" I asked.

"Yes," he said again. "I've got some cheaper; this one is only 10d; it weighs much less; it has no pictures, you see," and he picked up a Chicago newspaper of a midweek date.

"But I want a New York Sunday newspaper," I persisted.

"Well those will cost you from 18d to 20d (36 to 40 cents) each, according to weight; but I can sell you a Kansas City Sunday paper for 6d (12 cents) if you must have a cheap Sunday edition."

Then I found the dealer would sell separate sections of a Sunday edition if the customer didn't want the whole, and while I was in his store three men came in and bought different parts of a journal, paying as much as 4 cents a section. Of course when the "want ad" part was put on the scales and sold to the fourth customer he didn't know how interesting New York news was until he got home.—New York Times.

INTENSELY AMUSING.

It Was Fun For the Boy But Not Particularly Funny to the Man.

The depot master in a certain city not far from Detroit, is the proprietor of a palate that is only about half size; and in the manipulation of which he falls down at times, with the result that his words are spoken with lisps and stumbles that make them hardly intelligible.

A few days ago a stout German woman, leading a little boy by the hand, approached the official and asked: "What dime does der train go py Kalamazoo out?"

The depot master looked down at her, twisted his face and replied, "Hat three o'clock. Ho an' hithown here han H'll hall you when hit's hready."

The woman took a seat over in the far corner of the depot. After a period of ten minutes she again approached the official and asked her former question. "Hat three o'clock. Hi hol' hou," he exclaimed. "Ho han' hit down here han H'll hall you when hit's hready."

Again did the woman seek a seat. And after another fifteen minutes had passed she approached the caller of trains a third time and again asked that question. "What dime does der train go py Kalamazoo out?"

The depot master waxed wroth, and in the excitement of his anger, he lost all control of that vocal organ of his. He cried: "Hat three o'clock. Hre o'clock. Hre o'clock! Hi tol you at hree o'clock a hrozen himes. Hre o'clock, can't you understand? One! Hoo! Hre! Hant you understand?"

And, increasing the pressure of her hand on that of the child, the old lady replied calmly: "Why, off course, I understands, put little Yawob likes to hear you say it."—Detroit Free Press.

Avoid Coughing.

A physician who is connected with an institution in which there are many children, says: "There is nothing more irritable to a cough than coughing. For some time I have been so fully assured of this that I determined for one minute at least to lessen the number of coughs heard in a certain ward in a hospital of the institution. By the promise of rewards and punishments I succeeded in inducing them simply to hold their breath when tempted to cough, and in a little while I was myself surprised to see how some of the children entirely recovered from the disease. Constant coughing is precisely like scratching a wound on the outside of the body; so long as it is done, the wound will not heal. Let a person when tempted to cough draw a long breath and hold it until it warms and soothes every air cell, and some benefit will soon be received from this process. The nitrogen which is thus confined acts as an anodyne to the mucous membrane, allaying the desire to cough and giving the throat and lungs a chance to heal."—Scientific American.

A Very Methodical Man.

One of the most methodical men who ever lived in Washington County was a native of Harrington. He was always so very particular about his dress that he would not allow himself to appear in the company of strangers without first making a complete change of clothing and attending to all the details of his toilet. Once his eccentricity in this direction caused him the loss of his house and other buildings. This was the time his house caught fire, and his wife, after working several minutes trying to extinguish the flames, went into one of the front rooms where she found her eccentric husband with a lamp and razor before the looking glass taking a shave, and putting on a clean paper collar. "What on earth are you doing?" she asked, and he turned to her and said, "I know it, and you all the people in town will be here, and who knows but they'll be some strangers in the crowd?"—The Commercial.

THE HORSE'S GRIEF.

A Faithful Animal That Committed Suicide When Neglected.

"Speaking of the grief that some horses will exhibit when left in a strange place and neglected for a short time by their masters," said an old miner, "I recall seeing a horse deliberately commit suicide in three feet of water because he had been deserted for three days."

"The horse was owned by a man named Jim Kelly, a well-known prospector, who in July 1897, came into Grand Forks, B. C., after an absence in the mountains of several weeks. The animal was nothing but a common cayuse, on which Kelly sometimes rode and sometimes packed his outfit when the trails were steep and difficult. Naturally, the man and horse became attached to each other by their close companionship and the little marks of kindness shown in their lonely camps, when Kelly would pet the tired cayuse and perhaps give him a handful of sugar before he fed him for the night. It was remarked by those who met them that the cayuse showed an uncommon attachment for Kelly."

"Well on arriving in town Jim staked out his horse and betook himself to the Cosmos Hotel and proceeded to sample all kinds of liquor, prolonging his spree until Sunday afternoon. All day Friday, and during Friday night and until late Saturday afternoon the cayuse waited, whinnying when anyone approached, but viciously resented any attempts to feed him. About sunset Saturday, his master not returning, the horse strained at his picket rope until he finally succeeded in pulling the picket pin, and, trailing the rope behind him, he trotted up to the Cosmos, keeping up a prolonged whinny. He walked up the steps and peered anxiously through the windows in search of his master. For fifteen or twenty minutes he walked up and down the porch, whinnying as though in great pain. Then, after a long look into the windows, he left the porch, and with head hanging near the ground, he walked into a stream of water about three feet deep, lay down on his side and buried his head under the water."

"The act was witnessed by me and by a number of others who were attracted by the horse's strange conduct. We followed him down to the creek. There is no doubt he deliberately committed suicide. When Kelly came off his spree on Sunday and learned of the cayuse's death he secured assistance and buried the faithful animal."—Washington Star.

AN AGED ROYAL PARROT.

Ducky, Owned by the Princess of Wales, Was Over 125 Years Old.

One of the longest lived birds on record died recently in London. It was a parrot named Ducky, the property of the Prince of Wales, and its age was put at more than 125 years. Ducky was a native of the United States of Colombia, whence he was transported to England in 1788, and bought by Prime Minister Pitt, who, in 1800, presented him to his master, George III. From this date on the bird was recognized as part of the royal household, with quarters at St. James. Ducky, however, developed amazing conversational powers, unaccompanied with the proper leaven of discretion, and in 1850 he was sentenced to banishment from St. James on the charge, it is said, of divulging family secrets. In his new dwelling place, Windsor Castle, Ducky acquired even worse habits. Windsor accommodates a small garrison, and the parrot was quick to acquire the remarkable of Tommy Atkins. The result was considered unsuitable to the well-known decorum of the British court, and sentence of banishment to Australia was passed on the offender. The amiable Princess of Wales, however, came to the rescue, and Ducky was removed to Sandringham, where he remained until the day of his death. Great age though it be, 125 years is not considered by scientific men as the absolute age limit of a parrot. So reliable an observer as Humboldt, whose statement in this manner is accepted without question by Darwin, tells of a parrot that must have lived 200 years. The naturalist came across the bird in South America, and his reasons for crediting it with such extraordinary longevity were that he heard it use some words of a language spoken only by a tribe of Indians which have been extinct more than 200 years.—New York Sun.

Widespread Whispers.

The university of Michigan possesses an architectural curiosity in the shape of a whispering gallery. It is not so well known as that in the Capitol at Washington, but it is one of the largest and most perfect in the world. Its length is perhaps greater than any other.

The gallery of Gloucester Cathedral transmits sounds a distance of seventy-five feet, and in the famous gallery of St. Paul's, London, the sound of the voice can be heard across a diameter of one hundred feet, but the gallery at the University of Michigan outdoes both, for it carries the faintest whisper through a corridor one hundred and sixty-four feet in length.

The gallery runs in the form of a U-shape, about the north end of the university art gallery, and was originally intended for storage purposes. Its capabilities as a whispering gallery were accidentally discovered by a student, now a member of the faculty, who was examining the building when it was in process of construction. Youth's Companion.

She—Why should my past worry you? It is all over.
Yes, All over the country.—Detroit Free Press.

Weak Children

How sad it is to see weak children—boys and girls who are pale and thin. They cannot enjoy the sports of childhood, neither are they able to profit by school life. They are indeed to be pitied. But there is hope for them.

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Athletic Entertainment.

The athletic class of the Turners will give a high class entertainment at the hall on South Broadway Sunday night.

The Origin of an Old Saying.

"It's no time to swap horses when you are crossing a stream," said President Lincoln, on being urged to change one general for another, on the eve of a battle, but this story suggests the origin of the famous reply.

A Hoosier was traveling down the Ohio on a steamboat, with his mare and her two-year colt. The careening of the steamer, as she grazed a sandbar, pitched him and his horse into the river. As he rose, puffing and blowing, he caught hold of the colt's tail.

The mare made for the shore, but the frightened colt swam down the current.

"Let go the colt and catch on to the mare!" shouted the passengers on the boat.

"That's easy said," exclaimed the Hoosier, "but this ain't exactly the time for swapping horses to a man that can't swim."

Stronger Than Oak.

Foot bridges in Morocco that are used for heavy traffic have been the subject of much concern to many engineers. Elm planks on oak string-pieces were the materials employed, but those wore out so rapidly that a return to the old style of building was proposed. This consisted of cables made from the fibers of the aloe. These cables are plaited and twisted from fiber and are nearly two inches thick and eight and one-half inches wide. They are saturated with tar and are firmly nailed to oak planking. The ends are fastened by iron strips. These cables make most admirable footpaths. They are sufficiently elastic to be pleasant under the feet, and experience has demonstrated that they are far more durable than any material heretofore applied for this purpose.

Improving the Art of Workrooms.

In regard to the ventilator of work rooms, the consideration of dollars and cents is in many cases doing what would never have come to pass from any solicitude as to the welfare of the workmen. It is found in many factories, for instance, that the hands do much more work in a given time if they have good air to breathe. Some firms have quite elaborate provisions for the purifying of the atmosphere of the work rooms. In the absence of these a simple plan is to put a spoonful of oil of turpentine into a liter bottle of well water, shake it well and then blow it about the room through an atomizer. An improvement is to mix a few drops of acetate ether with the turpentine.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

RINGS AND WATCHES.



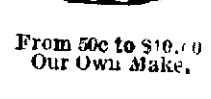
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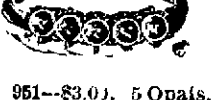
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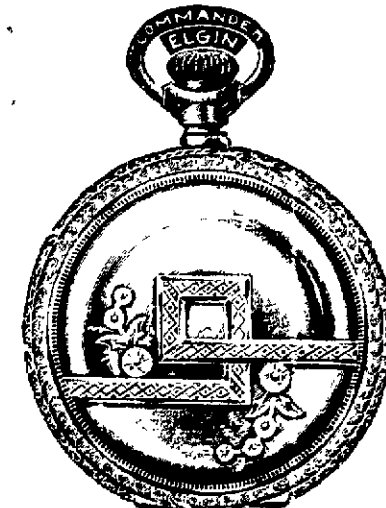


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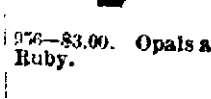
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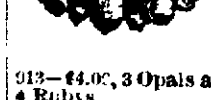
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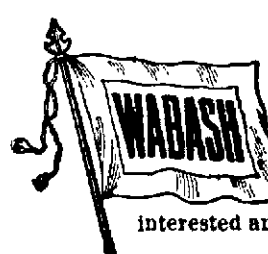


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Under this column will always be found announcements of the reduced rates to various points offered by the Wabash road. By looking over the headlines each day you can see at a glance if you are interested and may often save money at the cost of very little time.

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On Sunday you can secure a ticket to many points at greatly reduced rates. You can go to Danville and return for \$2.21, to Springfield \$1.16, to Jacksonville \$2.18, to St. Louis \$3.55. These St. Louis tickets are also sold for Saturday afternoon trains and are good to return up to and including train leaving St. Louis the following Monday. These are just half rates. Half saved in every case, other points are sold at proportionately low rates.

Mr. C. A. Pollock, passenger and ticket agent, Decatur, Ill., will be glad to have you call at the Decatur city ticket office of the Wabash Railroad, or your letter addressed to him will receive careful consideration and attention. Advertising matter on the above subjects now at the city ticket office for distribution, or will be mailed to your address on application.

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BOTH PHONES 204.

The German Reichstag has passed a law closing all shops between 9 p. m. and 5 a. m.

Italy will change its marriage laws in order to give the religious rite precedence over civil.

French papers are jubilant over the manner in which Chamberlain's speech was received in the United States.

Col. Albert A. Pope of Boston, who made himself a millionaire by the manufacture of bicycles, has, oddly enough, never learned to ride one, though he knows every part of the wheel from the smallest link to the largest bar.

While eastern bankers think that demand sterling may advance under the influence of the higher London discounts, yet they look upon the gold exporting point as still a good way off, and do not believe that the bankers of this country will permit money to be paid to the gold.

The members of the National House of Representatives introduced nearly one hundred bills and resolutions during the first two days of the session. The usefulness of some of these is measured, however, by the number of useless measures they can bring forth.

The youngest trolley car magnate in the United States lives in Atlanta, Ga. He is Cornelius Jerome Simmons, Jr., the only son and namesake of the president of the Collins Park and Belt Railroad company of the Georgia city. Young Cornelius is barely turned 12 years old, and he has already been elected second vice president of his father's company.

According to the old saw, "It never rains but it pours." Decatur, after many years of hunger for one sight and comfortable passenger station may now expect the Wash to follow on the lead of the Illinois Central company and construct second station. Decatur people have no objection to a small shower of passenger stations.

Robert M. Birch, who has a job as a clerk in the local branch of the National Bank, has been elected to the position of clerk in the local branch of the National Bank, which is a position of some importance. He has been elected to the position of clerk in the local branch of the National Bank, which is a position of some importance. He has been elected to the position of clerk in the local branch of the National Bank, which is a position of some importance.

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The report of the incorporation of large companies in various states for the month of November shows a total of 1,000 new companies. This is a record for the month and shows the increasing activity in the business world. The report also shows that the total number of companies incorporated in the United States for the year 1899 is 10,000.

Ed Smith, a local farmer, has been elected to the position of clerk in the local branch of the National Bank. He has been elected to the position of clerk in the local branch of the National Bank, which is a position of some importance. He has been elected to the position of clerk in the local branch of the National Bank, which is a position of some importance. He has been elected to the position of clerk in the local branch of the National Bank, which is a position of some importance.

Corn Husking Contests.

Samuel Wendell of New Holland, shucked an average of 160 bushels of corn a day for two weeks.

Oran Meyers of Eaden, husked and cribbed 150 bushels of corn in 9 hours and hauled it one-quarter of a mile.

Dick Dever, 16 years of age, husked 112 bushels of corn by weight for E. C. Spence, three miles north of Leroy one day last week.

In a husking contest at E. L. Grove's on the Joan Vanburen farm, near Eaden, the time was too short, the corn was shucked in a hurry, weighed, and shoveled into the crib, and the result was, Grove 160 bushels; Sauler, 125 bushels.

HEADACHE cured in 20 minutes by Dr. Miles' Pain Expeller. "One cent a dose." All druggists.

ON THE CURB.

Said a professional man to a reporter yesterday: "There is a question upon the new assessment law that will vitally affect all taxable property as well as the amount that is to be raised by taxation. The law provides that the maximum rate of taxation shall not exceed 5 per cent on the assessed valuation. The question has been raised whether or not this law applies to the municipal and the state taxes together or only to the municipal taxes. If it applies to both the rate will be reduced two and sixteen-hundredths per cent from last year and will thus cause a deficit in the amount required to be raised. If it applies only to the municipal taxes as has been contended the rate will be higher than last year. The question is now up between the corporation council of Chicago and the attorney general of the state. It is a matter that is of interest to every property owner in the state, large or small, but of more importance to the large property holder who is compelled to pay a larger part of the taxes."

How it is Proposed to Reinsure.

A local policy holder in the Covenant Mutual recently wrote to the Northwestern Life Insurance Co., of Chicago, for details as to the plan by which his policy is to be transferred from the Grubbsburg to the Chicago company. The reply, covering this particular point, written by the president of the company, is as follows: "The Northwestern proposes to assume every policy or certificate of membership now held by living members of the Covenant Mutual, just as they now stand, thus making the application made by the member to the Covenant Mutual the application to the Northwestern, and the policy or certificate of the Northwestern, thereby giving to the members of the Covenant Mutual all the rights and privileges that the present members of the Northwestern now enjoy, this without any re-medical re-examination of the members of the Covenant Mutual. Beyond this it is proposed to extend the right to exchange their present forms of policies or certificates to the regular standard policy which is now being offered to the members of the Northwestern. By this change the business is placed upon the regular legal standard level premium basis. It is impossible to give you the detailed figures without full information as to the exact nature of the certificate or policy now held, and the amount of insurance you hold. Should the amount of insurance be small, the cost of the new policy will be small, and the cost of the new policy will be small, and the cost of the new policy will be small."

Rupert of Hentzau Tonight.

Edmund Hentzau, who was created by Anthony Hope's first tale of Ruritania, "The Prisoner of Zenda," that the public demanded a continuance of the story which Mr. Hope finally consented to give. Thus we have "Rupert of Hentzau" which in its book form was fully as popular as "Zenda." This book has been dramatized by Mr. Hope himself and has been used during most of last season and thus far this season by James K. Hackett, one of the best known dramatic actors in the country. Mr. Hackett, who is managed by Daniel Frohman's representative "Rupert of Hentzau" at the Grand Opera House. This being its first presentation in this city, the play is said to have been given with the results of a success which will make it a permanent possession of the Grand Opera House. The play is said to have been given with the results of a success which will make it a permanent possession of the Grand Opera House. The play is said to have been given with the results of a success which will make it a permanent possession of the Grand Opera House.

Attack the Log.

A local grocer's cart yesterday morning on Jack & Oak, near a fruit market, was attacked by a bunch of boys. The boys were attacking the cart, and the grocer was trying to defend it. The boys were attacking the cart, and the grocer was trying to defend it. The boys were attacking the cart, and the grocer was trying to defend it. The boys were attacking the cart, and the grocer was trying to defend it. The boys were attacking the cart, and the grocer was trying to defend it.

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Daily Market Letter.

Received over private wire by Decatur Commission company.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Wheat—Liverpool opened 5-8 lower and later regained 1/4 London was slow Antwerp 5 8 higher; Berlin 1/4 higher; Paris, wheat, 5c lower; flour 15c lower; Buda Pesth wheat 1/4 lower.

Price Current says with the exception of the fly in Ohio, Indiana and limited sections elsewhere, wheat is in good condition. Recent cold weather was favorable. The interior movement was light. Private advices from winter wheat sections report damage by insects. There is a splendid milling demand in the northwest and southwest, but winter wheat is hard to buy. A good milling demand is reported at Minneapolis. Northwest stocks will decrease about 450,000. A good sized decrease in the next visible may be looked for. Primary receipts 670,000, shipments 528,000. Primary receipts this week were 4,370,000 less than the same time last year. Clearances 600,000. We estimate weekly clearances heat and flour at 4,300,000. Fifteen loads are reported for export. Rains have been reported in the Argentine, but not confirmed. Our market paid no attention to foreign news, and there was an advance to yesterday's prices which was not wholly maintained. The better class of operators here and in St. Louis have been on the buying side for the last few days, and there has been good commission house buying. Some of the orders coming from the northwest. The falling down in receipts and liberal clearances also was conducive to strength. Wheat is down to a hard pan basis, while barish statistics have been lost in the shuffle. What is on the bargain counter, very much so, in comparison with other commodities, and whenever any weakness develops it should be taken advantage of to make purchases on.

Corn—Offerings were light, and there was good buying. Clearances heavy, amounting to 270,000, and we hear of sixty loads for exports. Stocks at eastern points are light. We look for higher prices on this cereal.

Oats—Were rather quiet but firm. Any activity in corn will effect this cereal favorably.

Provisions—Hogs were weak. Price current makes the packing 455,000 hogs against 703,000 last year. This is a bullish feature.

Shipments of lard, 1,489,000 pounds; meats 1,680,000; packers were selling and there also was some realizing. Good commission house buying; developed on the decline and we look for its continuance.

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THE MARKET REPORT.

THURSDAY, Dec. 7.

Grain and Provisions.

St. Louis—Flour—Patents, \$3.50-4.50; other grades, \$2.50-3.50. Wheat—No. 2 red, \$1.00-1.10; No. 3, \$0.90-1.00. Corn—No. 2, \$0.75-0.85; No. 3, \$0.65-0.75. Oats—No. 2, \$0.40-0.50; No. 3, \$0.30-0.40. Lard—No. 1, \$0.15-0.20; No. 2, \$0.10-0.15. Pork—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Beef—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Mutton—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Hides—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Wool—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Tallow—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Butter—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Eggs—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Beans—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Peas—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Potatoes—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Apples—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Oranges—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Lemons—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Raisins—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Currants—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Dates—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Figs—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Prunes—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Walnuts—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Almonds—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Pistachios—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Cashews—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Pecans—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10.

Live Stock Market.

St. Louis—Cattle—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Hogs—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Sheep—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Mutton—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Hides—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Wool—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Tallow—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Butter—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Eggs—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Beans—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Peas—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Potatoes—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Apples—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Oranges—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Lemons—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Raisins—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Currants—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Dates—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Figs—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Prunes—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Walnuts—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Almonds—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Pistachios—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Cashews—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10. Pecans—No. 1, \$0.10-0.15; No. 2, \$0.05-0.10.

Cotton.

Quotations for middling cotton as follows: St. Louis, 10-15; New York, 11-15; Memphis, 12-15.

Financial.

New York, Dec. 7.—Money on call firm at 7 per cent. Prime commercial paper 6 1/2 per cent. Sterling exchange steady with actual business in bankers' bills at 100 for 100, and at 48 1/2 for 100 for 100. Gold coins, 100 for 100. Silver coins, 100 for 100. Government bonds, 100 for 100.

CLOSING FOR THE WEEK.

Washington, Dec. 7.—If the present temper of congress lasts it seems likely that promulgation will be enacted to make Porto Rico an object lesson of the benefits of American rule. A number of congressmen are planning a trip to the island during the holiday recess to get in touch with the people and acquaint themselves with the needs of the island.

A Sortie From Kitchener.

London, Dec. 7.—A Cape Town dispatch says that a sortie was made by the British from Kimberley on the 25th ult., in which a Boer camp is said to have been captured, not, however, without severe loss to the British, 33 of whom were killed or wounded. Among the killed was Maj. Scott-Turner, of the Second Highlanders.

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SINGIN' SAM'S SALVATION.

The Church Needed Him and Couldn't Spare Him to the Penitentiary.

The Southern negro possesses extremely hazy notions of right and wrong. For example, the following incident, which came under my observation in a Southern town, writes Jeanette R. Murphy: A negro known as "Singin' Sam" had often been employed in doing odd jobs by the townspeople, and was considered one of the leading lights of the "Primity Baptis" church. When it came to "singin'" and "moanin'" he was without rival. I was away from the town for a year, and when I returned recently I was told that "Singin' Sam" had been turned from the church in deep disgrace, and was then in the penitentiary for horsetealing. Horse stealing and miscellaneous thievery were confirmed habits, but as Sam had never been caught or convicted the church had taken no action.

Not long after I visited the "Primity Baptis" Church, to witness the ceremony of "feet washing." To my amazement there was my old friend, whom I supposed to be safe for some years behind prison walls, up in the amen corner, leading the shouting and patting and singing. After a prolonged service, "Singin' Sam" came up grinning.

"Why, honey," he began, "Ise pow'ful glad to see yo' back!"

"Why, Sam?" I said, "they told me you were turned out of the church, and sent to prison?"

"I was dat an' a fact," he replied, with the most doleful expression. "Till I want my white folks fren's put me in dar; just t'ing nigger, what done t'ole on me, and got me sent up; but I dese glad now. Sense I broke de jail and come home, de elders and de body held a meetin' 'pletely 'zenerated me an' 'dorse what dey call de resolution o' respect for de widder an' de madder ob de church. Ise mighty proud o' dese mos' sagacious testimonial."

"Want to see 'em, honey? Jest read 'em," and he pulled out a roll of paper, thumbing and soiled as though it had been handled by hundreds of dirty fingers. "It done say dat dey s'arch de whole town aroun' an' dey couldn't find nary 'nother nigger what could run de 'Primity Baptis' Church in de same style w'at I did, ma honey. Dey couldn't fin' anoder membah so filled wid de spirit in singin' 'n' leadin' as 'Singin' Sam.' 'n' so dey done ast me if I wouldn't oberlook de past 'n' come back to de bresson of de church."—New Orleans Plantation.

A CURIOUS MAINE STORY.

French-Canadian. Tradition Came True.

Every French-Canadian resident of Maine believes that a miracle has been performed over the grave of Paul Tremblay, who died in 1864 and was buried in the woods above Tremblay Falls. Tremblay, of the French, as he was called, by his acquaintances, was a French-Canadian and a member of the French-Canadian community, who traveled from camp to camp in winter, selling his wares, and upon the expediency of his French community by pretending to reveal future events.

Before his death he expressed a wish to have his body taken to Montreal for burial, pronouncing a fearful curse upon those who neglected to obey his last request. Among other catastrophes which were to follow a denial of his wish were the sudden death of the camp foreman, the loss of the year's cut of logs, and the burning of the camp. He also said that if he were buried in the woods a living cross would grow up from the grave, which should serve as a perpetual warning to all the French.

When Tremblay died his body was sewed up in new blankets and carried to a rocky point above Tremblay Falls, where the French placed it under the roots of a great yellow pine tree which had lately been cut down in a storm. When the French had been duly informed of the story, one of the men charged of the fallen tree trunk with an axe, removing the stump to lay back, thus filling the hole and burying the body under tons of earth.

Two weeks later the camp boss was killed by a falling limb. The following spring the logs were hung up for want of water and while they were lying on the shore, waiting for rain, a storm swept through the woods, burning the logs and the camp where Tremblay had been buried. This fall a party of Frenchmen who had been hunting deer stopped at Tremblay's grave, and were surprised to find that the yellow birch that covered his remains had sprouted from the stump, sending up three shoots, which had interlaced so as to form a cross about ten feet tall. When they saw that the last of the dead man's predictions had been fulfilled they came out and circled the story all over Eastern Maine, where within time the grave has been visited by scores of French-Canadians, all of whom believe that a miracle has been wrought above the dead.—Montreal Herald.

Drummond used to tell some amusing stories about the penalties of his American fame. Extraordinary letters used to be waited to him across the Atlantic. One of them ran as follows: "Dear Sir: I am a widow, with one boy of twelve years of age. He promises well, and I think could be secured for the kingdom if you would send him an autograph copy of your sweet hymn, 'Are They Safe With Him?'"—New York Evening Post.

THE RUNAWAY AT EL CANEY.

An Episode Not Down in the Official Report of the Battle.

On July 1, 1895, when the battle of El Caney was the hottest, a curious commotion among the Spanish soldiers was visible in one of the trenches which defended the town. Toward the middle of the day the American soldiers on the nearest line saw a half-grown pig come running out of a low thatched building inside the Spanish trenches, and rounding a corner of the ditch take to flight outside the trenches, in the direction of the American position.

The Spanish soldiers ceased their firing as the pig escaped, and there was commotion among them. Presently this commotion resolved itself into a rush of several soldiers out of the trench in the direction of the pig. Soon there were fifteen of them out in the open in the full sweep of the American fire.

Up and down went the pig; when a soldier's hands were on him he would make a twist and wriggle himself away. Once he made a long run straight toward the American lines; it did not help him, for the soldiers were after entirely disregarding the battle. Some of them headed him off again, and in another moment and the pig, firmly held, was on his way back to the trenches, riding on the shoulders of this young man, his forelegs gripped by one hand and his hind legs by the other.

The soldiers resumed their places in the trench; the one who had the pig put him back in the thatched building and presently returned to his own place and took up his gun.

It is safe to say that during the chase of the pig no American soldier who saw the affair discharged his gun at the group. The Americans who saw it were too full of admiration and astonishment to add to the dangers which the audacious Spaniards were under; but thousands of Americans who could not see the incident were blazing away in that direction, and the Spaniards were cowards did not know what they were talking about.—Youth's Companion.

How It Saved Pain.

"There's been a wonderful advance in dental surgery of late years," said a man with a slightly swollen jaw. "The old, brutal way of yanking out molars, by main strength and awkwardness has gone out of date. I had a tooth pulled this morning, and the whole thing was so quiet and easy I could scarcely believe it had been done. I took a whiff of gas and opened my eyes to find the tooth gone. I didn't even see the forceps. It was in strong contrast, by the way, with an experience of some years ago, when, as a child, I had a tooth pulled in my father's kitchen. I had a black tooth that was giving me fits, and went to a man who advertised painless extraction by means of what were called 'electric forceps.' It was a complicated foreign device, long since abandoned, that sent a current along the instrument just as it took hold. The dentist was a candid-looking chap, and I asked him to tell me honestly whether it would hurt. 'Well,' he said, 'it's like this: Suppose a fellow hit you in the mouth with his fist, and at the same time hit you on the nose with a brick—you wouldn't feel the fist, would you? I told him to go ahead and drug out the tooth in good, old-fashioned way. After that explanation I wanted no electric forceps in mine.'—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Helped His Father to His Grave.

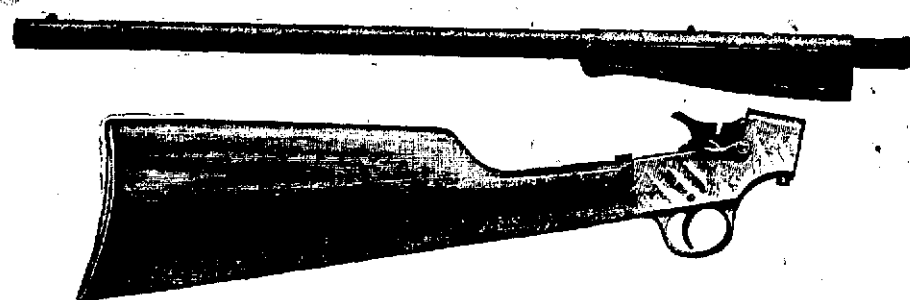
Bob Jones is Sam's noble son. He told his father that a certain estimable citizen of Sam's town had invited him into his rear office to take a drink of whiskey. Sam cut loose the following Sunday with a roaring sermon of which misreading a boy was the text. He said: "The man who tempted my boy to drink must leave this town. If he will not go peacefully he will go in the muzzle of my shotgun. I am ready to go before my Maker with a record of having shot a scoundrel who led my child to drink." There was a bang, not of the same sort, only hotter, and Sam fairly foamed at the mouth with indignation. The whole congregation spread through the town, and every one was asking his neighbor, "What can be the man?" One of the women called Bob into her house, and asked who had persuaded him to drink. Bob laughed. "Why, it ain't nobody," he said. "I just told pa that he to give him something to preach about, and didn't the old man howl?"

Geese With Shoes.

It is not generally known that in Prague there exists a goose "boulevard," where yearly some three million geese change hands. Its most active time lasts generally from about six to eight weeks, from the middle of September till the first day of November. During this time immense flocks of geese are driven into the suburbs, especially from the districts living on the right banks of the Vltava. These are then conducted at night over the bridges to the Jewish quarters, the trade being principally in the hands of the Israelites. As the geese are driven in from long distances they are "shod," that is to say, walked repeatedly over patches of tar mixed with fine sand. This forms a hard crust on the feet of the geese, and they, the "shod," are able to cover immense distances without fatigue.

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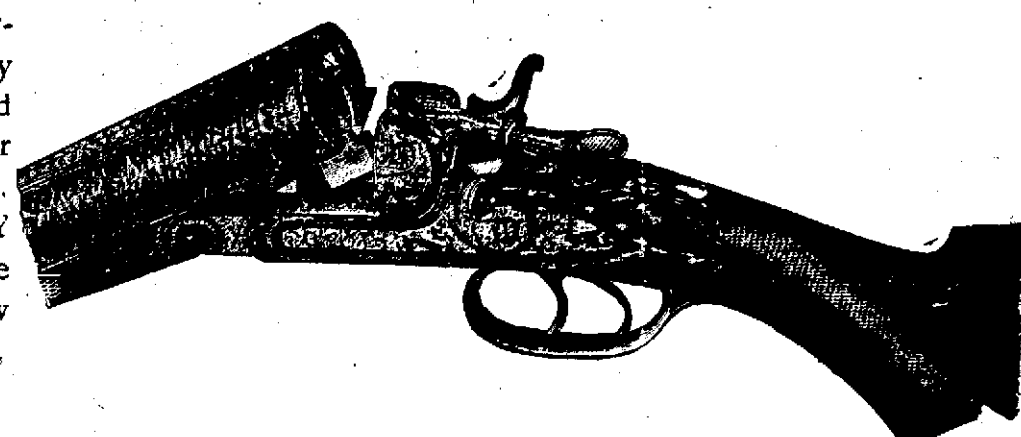
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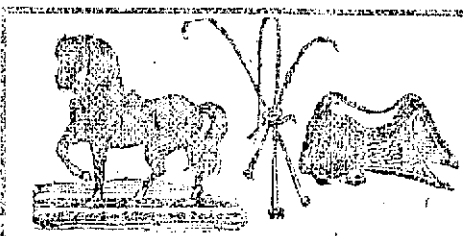
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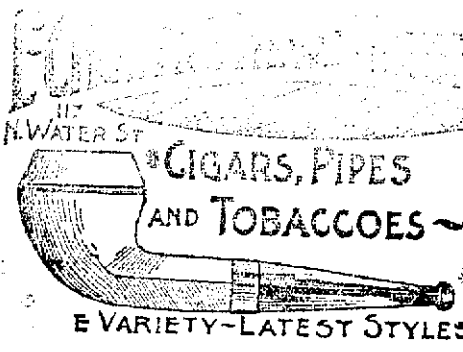
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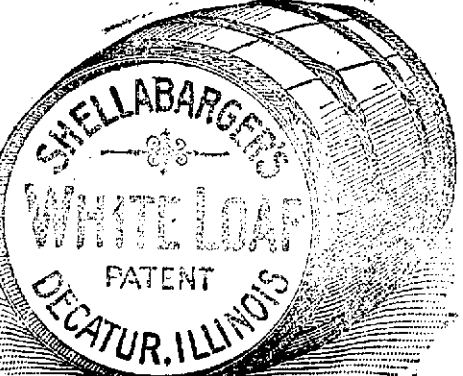
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A Correspondent Tells of the Panic in the Transvaal.

A correspondent who was in Johannesburg when the islanders were trying to get away in advance of the fighting says:

"I remember going into a restaurant for breakfast one day, this being a place that had had previously set a very good table. I ordered breakfast and got about four square inches of cold roast beef that had been fried in lieu of the raw meat. I may not be out of place to mention the fact that although this was the only place where one could get American pancakes I didn't go there again.

When I left the government was commandeering horses, and whatever was needed to facilitate the prosecution of the war. Street cars were stopped in the street by officers, the horses taken, and the cars left standing. I saw a lady driving along Pitchard street in a carriage one day. An officer stopped the horses, unhitched them, and led them off in spite of the protestations of the woman, who, with her baggage, was on the way to the station to take the train for Cape Town. All of the merchants who handled harness and saddles had their entire stocks commandeered. (The process mentioned consists in taking possession of property in the name of the government and giving receipts that enable one to obtain remuneration for the loss sustained.)

"People who have left Johannesburg during the last five weeks have had some terrible experiences. Knowing that there would be a crowd at the station, I, with a friend who is commonly known as Bobby, got there an hour before the time appointed for the train to leave. Even then the platform was crowded with men, women, and children, Kaffirs and coolies. One could see at a glance that every body in the crowd had lost all sense of shame or care for others.

I recognized more forcibly than ever before the strength of the spirit of selfishness inherent in man which always shows itself most forcibly in the event of a panic occurring. It has been my privilege to watch a crowd from the stage of a theatre when a cry of "Fire" was raised, and I was also present on the floor of the Chicago board of trade in 1893 when a crazy fanatic emptied a revolver in the crowd. On occasions like these, when a scare is suddenly created, there is some excuse for people losing their heads. At Braamfontein station the case was different.

We bought our tickets after considerable delay, and then spent considerable time in getting our baggage checked. Fifteen minutes before the time arrived for the train to leave it pulled into the station. Then I saw a sight such as I never witnessed before and hope I may never see again.

Men, who have no right to the name aside from the fact that it designates their sex, fought like tigers for a place on the train, pushing aside women with babies in their arms. Children were pulled out of the cars by men who should have tried to find places for them. A few of us kept our heads and did what we could to facilitate the efforts of the zarps or police to help the women. We were in the minority, however, and although there was a good force of zarps present we could do but little.

But this was only the beginning of our troubles. Our train with the exception of one coach, consisted of open coal cars, which were unswept and without seats of any kind. The zarps kept the men out of the coach and some of the women and children were accommodated in it. Others were not so fortunate, however, and were forced to take their places in the coal cars. Those of us who had valises or baggage of any kind with us were fortunate, as this enabled us to obtain a makeshift for a seat. Others who had nothing were forced to stand or sit on the floor.

Meet Tonight.

There will be a meeting of the Economic League tonight and it promises to be interesting. Attorney T. B. Jack will read the principal paper and in it will discuss the subject of "Labor Unions." The meetings of the league have become very interesting of late, and the papers always excite much discussion.

Civil Suit.

The time of Justice O'Mara was given over yesterday afternoon to hearing the case of Charles C. Matheny vs. Dan Rollison. It was a suit on an open account but the real fight was on the attachment on Rollison's wages. After hearing the evidence the court gave judgment for \$34.33 and sustained the attachment.

Masonic.

Special communication of Macon Lodge No. 8 A. F. and A. M. this (Friday) evening at 7:30 o'clock for work. Visiting brethren cordially invited. J. W. Graves, W. M.; Guy P. Lewis, Sec.

More business men lose fortunes and social standing by ill health than in any other manner. Rocky Mountain Tea will bring health and prosperity. 12-6-1w

Wedding at St. Louis—Many Other Marriages in Macon County.

August Herbig and Miss Mary Kosewicz were married at St. Johannes Lutheran church at 6 o'clock last evening in the presence of a large number of invited friends of the couple. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Heyne. The bride was prettily gowned in white cloth. The couple were attended by Fred Kosewicz, August Merenz, Minnie Doddick and Louise Kosewicz. T. Lik presided at the organ and as the couple appeared a selection from Gounod was rendered on the organ. As the ceremony closed the Finale March from Udden was beautifully rendered.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the couple and the wedding party repaired to the home of the bride on North Morgan street where a sumptuous wedding supper was served and a reception tendered to the many friends of the young couple.

The groom is one of the faithful employees of the Union Iron Works. The couple will go to housekeeping in a home already provided by the groom at 1160 East Leadland avenue. Among the guests from out of the city was the family of John Godfrey of Kinney.

BURKUM-DRAKE.

Newton Burkum and Miss Nora Drake, both of Argenta, were married in St. Louis last Wednesday and their friends were not aware of the marriage until night. The couple are highly respected in the community, the groom being in the employ of Dr. Thomas in the drug store at Argenta.

DILLON-CHAMBERS.

Friends in Decatur have received the announcement of the marriage of Miss Jennie Chambers of Republic, Mo., to A. R. Dillon of Kansas City, which occurred at the home of the bride's parents, W. B. Chambers and wife last Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Race attended the wedding from this city.

CARR-MORRISON.

Dr. Edgar Carr of Argenta and Miss Nellie Morrison of Argenta were married by Rev. J. S. Keener Wednesday night at the home of the bride at Oresana. After the wedding the couple went to St. Louis on a wedding trip and on their return will make their home at Argenta, where the groom is building a handsome residence.

ALLEN-KLEMM.

John W. Allen and Miss Mary Klemm both of this city, were married Wednesday evening by Rev. Yung. The couple were attended by Ralph Wismer and Lulu Garrow. The groom is in the employ of the Paragon Oil company and they will make their home in Decatur.

SANDERS-MYERS.

Wm. D. Sanders and Miss Ada Myers were married by Rev. Bankson at the home of the bride near Boody on Wednesday evening in the presence of a number of friends of the couple.

NOHL-ANDERSON.

At his office in the court house Thursday Judge W. L. Hammer married Oscar Nohl of Chicago, and Miss M. Madeline Anderson of Toronto, Canada. An attempt to interview the groom was repulsed. He said it was no elopement. It had pleased himself and his bride to come to Decatur and that is all there was to it. They were of age and knew what they wanted.

BRADEN-FERREN.

Derrick Braden and Miss Bertha L. Ferren, both of Macon, were married Thursday afternoon by Judge W. L. Hammer at his office in the court house.

Pleas for Divorce.

Elizabeth C. Gunkle has filed a petition asking for a divorce from her husband, Theodore Gunkle, and asks that she be permitted to resume her maiden name, Elizabeth Cook. The couple were married in the year '90 and lived together eight years. The charges are drunkenness and infidelity.

Martha Scothorn wants a divorce from her husband, Thornton Scothorn whom she charges has deserted her. The couple were married in February and he deserted her in September, 1893. The complainant asks that she be permitted to resume her maiden name, Martha Daniels.

Basket Ball.

A basket ball team has been organized by a number of young ladies of the city and they will be coached by Mr. Frye, the physical instructor of the Y. M. C. A. The members of the team are Louise Gastman, Lillian Root, Grace Murphy, Dot Dillehunt, Madge Dillehunt, Celia Post, Mabel Knight, Oora Downing, Jessie Bown and Louise Kelly.

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EASY FABLE.

"Good evening, Torpid Liver," said a Broomcorn Pill. "I am very glad to tell you that you are not a real living present. This is a very good thing, more so." The pill then told the advice of Broomcorn's chief use, the next day Broomcorn was seen, from the House Wonderful.

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Some Points About the Product now in the Hands of a combine.

Mr. J. O. Toland, of Humboldt, Ill., a prominent broomcorn specialist, visited the University of Illinois on November 23, and lectured to the class in farm crops in "The Cultivation of Broom Corn." The State University Bulletin of December 2, commenting on this lecture and the production of broomcorn of the world is produced in a region with Arcola as a center, in Coles, Douglas and Moultrie counties. The soil is a very fertile loam capable of producing from 45 to 75 bushels of Indian corn per acre. Broom corn will grow on any soil adapted to Indian corn and is not considered an exhaustive crop. The usual rotation practiced in these counties being an alternation of Indian corn with broom corn.

The broom corn industry has centered in this region because the land will produce a good quality of brush, and the people are familiar with the business, and are supplied with machinery to handle the crop. Farmers not familiar with the business would probably not be successful at first, and would have to hire expensive help to care for the crop. It is a precarious crop and delay of one week in harvesting means a damaged crop and an actual loss to the grower. If the weather is unfavorable at the time of harvesting the crop will rot wait, but will be ruined. The cost of raising broom corn is about \$40 per ton. Three acres are required to produce one ton and in favorable seasons the profits obtained are greater than those from Indian corn. The present high rate of \$200 per ton, is not due to an increased demand, but by a corner by a few brokers. The demand increases very slowly, the entire amount used in the world being only about 35,000 tons, of which 22,000 to 25,000 tons are raised near Arcola. The history of the price has been that an increased area devoted to this crop means an over production and an immediate slump in price.

The demand for seed for next year cannot be supplied. All sections of the state are introducing broom corn. According to Mr. Toland this means disaster to the grower and no one should go into the business without making a thorough study of the situation.

The Boss Barbers.

The boss barbers will meet at the Haines shop on East Eldorado street next Tuesday night to consider matters of importance to the craft. It is intimated by a barber that some action will be taken in reference to the cutting of prices by several of the shops in this city. Some of the bosses complain that the cutting of prices has had a disastrous effect on the trade all over the city and they desire to either get all the bosses in line or else to allow them to cut and slash as they please.

More Attractions.

F. E. Stare was in the city yesterday in advance of "Who's Who," which comes to the opera house on the evening of December 14th.

J. M. McNamara representing "Because She Loved Him So," was in the city yesterday and his company will come to the opera house on the evening of December 15.

Logan County Institute.

Lincoln, Dec. 7.—The annual institute of the farmers of Logan county is in session in the city and is being largely attended.

La Place.

Most of the schools in this vicinity dismissed Thursday and Friday.

Misses Maggie Wilson, Mary Mohler and Madison Adams, and J. M. Heckman attended the teacher's institute at Monticello Friday.

J. W. Reser repaired the well at Prairie Valley last week.

Fire broke out at the M. E. church during services Wednesday night from the outside in the weatherboarding, and was extinguished with but little damage.

The revival conducted by Rev. Waltz at the M. E. church is progressing with good interest.

Mrs. S. S. Miller returned from her visit at Flora, Ind., last Wednesday.

Thanksgiving services were held at the Brothers church Thursday.

Pleasant Plains school realized \$12.55 from their library entertainment Thursday evening. A good programme was rendered.

The Christian church here gave a supper and festival Thursday evening, the proceeds amounting to \$19.

M. D. Adams, teacher at Center, spent Thanksgiving at home near Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Buehler, of Decatur, visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fleck, Tuesday evening.

"Baby" Elias was in town Tuesday, representing Dr. Landon's medicines of Bloomington, Ill.

C. A. Rodman was a Monticello visitor Wednesday.

George Port, near Livingston, visited at C. A. Rodman's Thursday.

Too Many Spectators at the New Passenger Station.

There were probably one hundred men at work in all of the various places about the new passenger station on Thursday and there were probably not less than three to four hundred at all time standing about watching the work. The stone masons from Chicago utterly fail to appreciate the hunger for a new station that has for years filled the breast of the average Decaturite. To the stone mason it is an ordinary affair and he loses patience when the eager Decatur man falls into the trench in his desire to get up against the real thing. The stone mason uses great big words, and says that the Decatur man is a combination that he never before encountered. The Decaturite concludes that the Chicago stone mason is unappreciative when he is far short of realizing the importance of his position.

Yesterday Foster Bros. had four scrapers at work and today they expect to have twice that many busy and will also have a much larger force of diggers. The excavators still look forward to completing all of the digging in less than a week's time. They are making the dirt fly at a lively rate and the general comment is that the work is going with a rush.

Modjeska's Supporting Company.

It is claimed that the company supporting Madame Modjeska this season has been selected with rare judgment which reflects much credit on Mr. John C. Fisher, who has so ably managed the enterprise both this and last season. To organize a company for one particular play is not so difficult a matter, for with an ordinary ability to understand the characters of men and women, actors can be selected who by temperament and manner may fit the part they are called upon to play. But in the case of a varied repertoire such as that of Madame Modjeska which includes "Mary Stuart" one actor has to play many parts and then it is a case of intelligence rather than temperament. Among the more important people who will be seen with Modjeska, Mr. John E. Kellard comes first of course. He is featured on the company's announcements and shares the leading roles with her. Mr. Kellard will be seen here as in the title role of Macbeth, Madame Modjeska appearing in her incomparable portrayal of Lady Macbeth.

Murder in Prison.

Pontiac Dec. 7.—William Flowers, an inmate of the Illinois reform school has been held for murder by a co-ol'er's jury. He struck Jesse Myers, another inmate who died from the effects of the blow. It was at first thought that Myers had died from the effects of a blow received by falling and striking his head against a piece of marble.

Narrowly Escape Asphyxiation.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 7.—Twenty prisoners in the city calabasses came near being asphyxiated at noon. The prisoners had sprinkled a quantity of gasoline about in cracks and corners to kill vermin, and shortly one of the prisoners struck match. Almost immediately the fumes of the gasoline filled the place. The prisoners appreciated the danger and began making a great uproar, but before the official came to see what was the matter, many of the prisoners were lying on the floor, some of them in an unconscious condition. Every one was removed to the open air, and most of them revived, but a number were in such condition that they were removed to the city hospital or to their homes for treatment. All are out of danger, thanks to the prompt and careful ministry of physicians, a corps of whom were called upon to treat the patients.

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WILL NOT GOOD.

The Jury in the Tulley Case Reaches a Decision.

At 10 o'clock Thursday forenoon after being out for nearly forty-eight hours the jury in the Tulley will case returned a verdict that the testator was not of sound mind when the will was made and that he was not capable of understanding the nature of the will he made. The jury also said that he had not been unduly influenced in making the will. That was practically the only business of the court yesterday. A recess was then taken until Saturday morning when the final adjournment for the term will be taken. These docket orders were entered.

LAW.

William Stare, for use, etc., vs. O. B. Gorin, adm.; garnishee. Judgment on answer for \$60 and conditional. Judgment, etc.

CHANCERY.

James H. Parker et al vs. Nathan S. Walter et al; partition. Leave to file petition in nature of supplemental bill and continued for service as to Nathan S. Walter, summons and publication on his heirs' legatees, devisees, and unknown heirs.

Nancy A. Barker et al vs. Delters McAfee et al; partition. Master's report of proof and conclusions and referred for proof and conclusion.

Mary E. Tulley, et al vs. Charles F. Patterson et al; partition will. Verdict not of sufficient mind and memory to understand, etc. not unduly influenced, etc.

Ladies Aid.

The ladies of the Congregational Mayflower mission have organized a Ladies' Aid Society with the following officers:

Chairman—Mrs. J. M. Cray.

Vice Chairman—Miss Florence Lyon.

Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. E. E. Schlink.

Their first business attempt will be a bakery sale tomorrow at the Imboden market on Water street.

Births.

Born—To Bert Conklin and wife, 1127 North Church street, December 6, a son.

Born—To Bert Davis and wife, 362 West Wood street, December 6, a daughter.

Evening Wedding.

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FISH AS BRAIN FOOD.

The Old Theory Exploded—Good for People of Sedentary Habits.

A popular misconception is shattered in a government bulletin entitled "Fish as Food." The world has thought that fish, beyond everything else, was valuable for the nourishment of the brain, since it contains much phosphorus. This notion that fish contains uncommonly large proportions of phosphorus is now pronounced a delusion. The government experts have determined that the percentage of phosphorus in specimens of fish analyzed by them is not greater than is found in the flesh of other animals used for food. While fish is deficient in materials which yield heat and muscular power to the human body, when it is supplemented by bread, potatoes or other vegetables, it supplies a diet which will meet all the demands of the body. As a food it is particularly desirable for persons of sedentary habits. It fills two distinct places in dietetic economy: (1) it furnishes a cheap source of nitrogenous nutrients, and (2) it supplies the demand for variety in the diet which increases with the advance of civilization. The value of fish taken from American waters every year is over \$47,000,000. Most of this is consumed at home, though a vast export trade in canned fish, lobsters and oysters is being opened up. Shad is one of the few fishes that should be eaten during the spawning season. The way in which the fish is killed, the manner of its preparation, and the quality of the water in which it is raised, all have a bearing on its value. That the average nutrition of fish is lower than that of mammals is shown by figures. For example, a slice of mutton is said to contain 17 per cent of nutrients, while a fillet of beef contains 23 per cent, and turkey 24 per cent. There are few fresh fish that yield as high as 20 per cent of nutrients. The general average of fresh fish is 14 per cent. California salmon contains 24 per cent; shad, 23 per cent; Spanish mackerel, 24 per cent; and Maine salmon, 25 per cent. Fish and lean beef are about equally digestible. The leaner kind of fish, such as cod, haddock, perch, pike and bluefish, are more easily and completely digested than the fatter kinds, such as salmon, shad and mackerel.

A TREELESS REGION.

Curse That Follows the Denudation of Forest Lands.

Any one who has traveled through the comparatively treeless countries around the Mediterranean, such as Spain, Italy, Greece, northern Africa and the southern portions of Italy, must have noticed that our own country is a forested land. The reason for this is that the forests of the world are being denuded at a rapid rate. The denudation of forest lands is a curse that follows the denudation of forest lands. The denudation of forest lands is a curse that follows the denudation of forest lands. The denudation of forest lands is a curse that follows the denudation of forest lands.

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BARGAIN COLUMN.

WANTED A girl to do general house work. German preferred. Address 154 North Water street.—66 1w.

WANTED A good, cheap work horse. Call at 1131 East Eldorado street. J. R. Dougherty.—7 1w.

WANTED—Temperate man to travel and appoint agents Illinois: \$50 monthly and expenses besides traveling. Permanent. References: 791-793 Dearborn street, Chicago. Morning News.—22 1w.

WANTED—A lady, old or young to take care of a little store. Must have good character and be able to do all the work. Address 111 E. R. Care of Decatur Morning News.—22 1w.

FOR RENT—Five room house with good improvements, west part of city. Equine W. P. this office.

A FIRST CLASS—blacksmith for rent, in the part of the city. For further particulars, call on W. L. Wamsley, 123 East Main. New telephone 573.

DR. J. S. KING, after sixteen months service as Surgeon U. S. Army, has resumed practice at Decatur. Office and residence over House block, opposite Brunswick hotel. Charges will be paid to see his old and new friends and patrons. New telephone No. 530.

\$5.00 FANTS—Sammel Wood the North Water street Tailor has some more of those 50 cents. They are bargains. All stock will be positively closed out by Dec. 30.

FOR SALE—Folding beds, ordinary beds, and heating stoves, carpets, furniture of all kinds. Everything you need in housekeeping, at Sammel's store, house at 220 Wabash avenue. Prices are right.—22 6d.

FOR RENT—1 room cottage with well and electric, for the night only for \$1 per month. One other large house also for rent cheap. Mrs. James Rogers, 1205 S. Lewis Ave. R. 2-6d.

FOR RENT—A four room cottage at 205 South Water street. Call on S. E. Jones at 111 North Water street.—22 6d.

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MASTER IN CHANCERY'S SALE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss.
County of Macon.

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Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 23rd day of November A. D. 1899.

James J. Finn, Master in Chancery.

Redmond & Hogan, complainant's solicitors.

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Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 4th day of December, A. D. 1899.

James J. Finn, Master in Chancery.

Outten & Roby, Complainant's Solicitors.

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss.
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The undersigned Building Association, Complainant, vs. John P. Finn, et al., Defendants, in the Circuit Court, in Chancery No. 17273, Public Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Macon County in the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the October Term of said Court A. D. 1899, James J. Finn, Master in Chancery, will on Thursday, December 28th, 1899, at the hour of 2 P. M., at the North door of the Court House on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said County, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit: Lot 1 in block three in East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said County of Illinois.

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Divorce Notice

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Railroad Time Table.

WABASH.

Corrected to Nov. 23, 1899.

TO CHICAGO.

No. 12—Daily.....1:00 a.m.

No. 14—Daily ex Sunday.....1:25 a.m.

No. 15—Daily.....1:40 a.m.

No. 16—Daily.....1:55 a.m.

No. 17—Daily.....2:10 a.m.

No. 18—Daily.....2:25 a.m.

No. 19—Daily.....2:40 a.m.

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No. 33—Daily.....6:10 a.m.

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No. 37—Daily.....7:10 a.m.

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No. 41—Daily.....8:10 a.m.

No. 42—Daily.....8:25 a.m.

No. 43—Daily.....8:40 a.m.

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No. 45—Daily.....9:10 a.m.

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No. 49—Daily.....10:10 a.m.

No. 50—Daily.....10:25 a.m.

No. 51—Daily.....10:40 a.m.